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Police warn of more terror attacks

RAINE MARCUS

POLICE and security services have received intelligence information that Hamas is planning additional attacks in heavily populated areas in Israeli cities over the next few days, senior sources said yesterday.

According to the information, terrorists are planning a bus bombing. A wanted terrorist is suspected of planning to carry out the attacks.

Police nationwide have beefed up their forces to prevent any kind of attack.

Security services are also examining the possibility that the suicide bombers were assisted from inside Israel.

Senior police officers confirmed yesterday that the bomb the terrorist strapped to the upper part of his body and detonated at Dizengoff Center was the same type as those used in other bombings.

"The bomb, which weighed 15 kilos, was made of TNT and filled with broken nails, and was identical to the one used in the Ashkelon bombing," said an officer. "The others in Jerusalem had full nails in them."

Tel Aviv police chief Cmdr. Gabi Last said yesterday that the identity of the terrorist has not yet been confirmed. He said that contrary to reports, the bomber had not been in Tel Aviv over the past two days.

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran told Channel 1 yesterday that "the [bomber in the] last attack, according to the best of our knowledge, came from Gaza and reached Dizengoff Street from there."

The blond-haired head found outside Bank Leumi definitely belonged to the terrorist, said Last, who added that no one had noticed the bomber beforehand.

He reiterated that if the terrorist had succeeded in entering the center, the blast would have claimed several hundred victims.

Meanwhile, 300 soldiers and 400 additional policemen were drafted to the greater Tel Aviv area yesterday, bringing to 1,637 the number of policemen patrolling the city in and around busy shopping malls, markets, at bus stops and other densely populated areas.

Police in Tel Aviv yesterday set up impromptu road blocks and checked suspicious drivers, cars and pedestrians. Soldiers were given a special briefing on how to identify and isolate a suspect, instructions on opening fire and other regulations.

"Our aim is to give the public the feeling of security," said Last. Security guards in hotels, movie theaters and other public places were briefed by police.

On Monday night, some 57 demonstrators were detained in



The parents of Dana Gutherman, who was killed in the Tel Aviv suicide bombing on Monday, mourn over her grave yesterday. (Aloa Ron/Israel Sun)

violent protests around the city, with most being released on condition they stay away from future demonstrations. Four minors were remanded yesterday by Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court.

One Givatayim man carrying a placard reading "Death to Peres" was arrested yesterday afternoon as he walked near the center, and Last stressed that he will be indicted today on charges of incitement and sedition in an expedited trial.

Last night around a thousand demonstrators flocked to Dizengoff Center. Fifteen who set fires, shouted anti-government slogans and refused to obey police orders were arrested, and police clashed sporadically with protesters.

However, Last stressed he did

Victims of Dizengoff bomb

- Dana Gutherman, 14, of Moshav Mishmeret
- Bat-Hen Shahak, 15, of Tel Mond
- Hadas Dror, 15, of Tel Mond
- Leah Mizrahi, 61, of Tel Aviv
- Inbar Ailya, 22, of Ramat Efal
- Dan Tversky, 58, of Tel Aviv
- Tali Gordon, 25, of Givatayim
- Yovav Levy, 12, of Tel Aviv
- St.-Sgt. Assaf Wachs, 21
- Kobi Zaharon, 12 of Ramat Israel
- Gail Belkin, 48, of Herzliya
- Sylvia Bernstein, 73, of Herzliya
- Rahel Sela, 81

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not wish to prevent demonstrations by the public who wanted to express suffering as long as such protesters did not run riot or turn

violent. While a hundred-strong demonstration outside Prime Minister

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IDF clamps curfew on 465 villages

Biran: No one goes in or out

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE IDF launched an exhaustive and intensive hunt for Moslem extremists yesterday, rounding up over a hundred Hamas activists in the West Bank, sealing homes of suspected terrorists and ordering sbut Hamas-affiliated institutions.

All infantry and armored forces in the Central Command have ceased their training to bolster the crackdown on Islamic terrorists, OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran said.

Early yesterday, the army began sealing homes of terrorists in the West Bank, starting with the home of the assassinated Yehiya Ayyash, "The Engineer," in the village of Rafat near Nablus.

A total of eight homes were welded shut, and Biran said the army plans to demolish them once legal barriers are overcome. More house sealings were expected today, military sources said.

Israeli forces blockaded 465 Arab villages and sealed off the PLO-ruled cities, putting 1.2 million Palestinians under virtual siege.

"No one goes in and no one goes out," Biran said, dismissing concerns it was collective punishment. "If humanity among them has disappeared or vanished, then we can take any step to save our people."

Prime Minister Shimon Peres maintained yesterday that the implementation of the decisions taken by the government to crack

down on Hamas terrorists in the territories were already beginning to bite.

He told reporters in the North that the terrorist infrastructure was beginning to be hit, although the operation had only just started.

Peres also linked the pullout from Hebron with the PA amending the Palestinian Covenant.

"We demand the Palestinian Covenant be amended before we take further steps, including the evacuation from Hebron," he told reporters.

Biran said 102 Palestinians have been arrested since Sunday, and more arrests were expected last night and today. Among those taken in were close relatives of suicide bombers. Biran said the father of the suicide bomber who carried out Sunday's attack in Jerusalem was arrested in Netanya.

"Every potential suicide bomber and his family must know that his house will be destroyed and their communities will be punished," Biran said.

"Every village where there is a potential suicide bomber must know that we will deal with them with a heavy hand" Biran said. "They must know that they have to uproot these terrorists."

Biran also announced that Israelis were banned from taking Palestinians in their cars over the Green Line, and he barred Egged and Dan buses from taking Pales-

tinian passengers. This, along with a 350-kilometer-long, two-kilometer-wide, security belt separating Israel from the West Bank, was aimed at totally separating Israelis and Palestinians.

The army also ordered shut six Hamas-affiliated institutions suspected of channeling funds supporting Hamas terrorists. These include the Islamic Technical Institute in Abu Dis and the Islamic College in Hebron, which military officials have labeled "greenhouses for terrorists."

The Central Command also ordered closed the Polytechnic, the Islamic Charity Association and the Young Moslems Association, all in Hebron.

"Everyone who is dealing with terror, hosting terror or giving shelter to terror should be blamed and should be jailed and should be closed," Biran said.

While Biran said the army was waging an all-out war against Hamas, Islamic Jihad and the PFLP, there were no instant solutions to combating terror.

"It is a long, difficult and complicated process, but we are determined to carry out this mission to its end," he said.

Biran said there were no limitations in the war against terrorists, and hinted the IDF would take actions in the PLO-ruled areas, "if there is a need. We are maintaining our right to go wherever there are terrorists, here or abroad, to defeat them and to attack their leaders."

David Rudge contributed to this report.

Hizbullah claims bomb that killed 4 IDF soldiers

DAVID RUDGE

HIZBULLAH and the so-called Palestinian Islamic Revolutionary Army claimed joint responsibility for the combined ambush and roadside bomb attack that killed four IDF soldiers on Monday night in South Lebanon.

Thousands of people attended the funeral yesterday in Julis village in the Galilee of Lt.-Col. Hussein Amir Ali Amar.

Amar, 29, had devoted his life to the army since leaving high school, working his way up through the ranks to the position of battalion commander in the Golani Brigade.

Amar was engaged to be married in the summer.

The chief of staff, the deputy chief of staff, the minister of health, deputy education minister, the speaker of the Knesset, various MKs, and high-ranking officers and soldiers were among the mourners at the funeral service yesterday.

OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine, in his eulogy, said the army and Northern Command in particular "salutes you."

"You were a tribute to Golani, an honor to Northern Command, to the army and to your family," said Levine.

He vowed that Amar's comrades in arms would carry on the tradition in which he had believed and taught.

Amar is survived by his parents and seven brothers and sisters. Two other soldiers killed in the blast, St.-Sgt. Mahmoud Ju'ama, 21, of Arab el-Aramsha, and Sgt.-Maj. Mohammed Fuaz, 27, of Ilaboun, were buried in their villages in the Galilee yesterday.

The funeral of Lt. Uri Helman, 21, of Tel Aviv, who was also killed in the explosion, will take place today.

Six of the nine soldiers wounded in the incident are being treated in Haifa's Rambam Hospital. Two of the wounded are still in critical condition. One of them, Maj. Omer Haib, 29, from Beit Zarzir village in Galilee, underwent complicated surgery for nearly 12 hours.

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Clinton dispatches anti-terror equipment

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

US PRESIDENT Bill Clinton dispatched a US Air Force plane to Israel yesterday that contained explosive-detection equipment to assist in the fight against terrorism.

Meanwhile, Senate and House leaders called for a re-examination of US aid to the Palestinian Authority.

The shipment was one of four steps the White House announced following a meeting of national security officials Monday evening to formulate a response to the Jerusalem and Tel Aviv bombings.

A senior US official said that seven explosive-detecting devices were sent on a plane and two are already in Israel, and said that the US initiated the transfer several months ago but that the sides had been bogged down by the question of payment.

He said that the US is now paying for the equipment.

In another move, the State Department issued a statement yesterday calling on American citizens to avoid using public transportation in Israel.

Clinton began a speech here by stating that the moves are meant "to support the fight against future terrorist attacks, to bring killers to justice and to rally support for peace in the Middle East."

He expressed his "outrage" at the "campaign of terror which is being directed at the people of Israel," and called the killings "desperate and fanatic acts."

Additional equipment will be shipped on an "emergency basis" from US stocks later this week, the White House said.

The US will send anti-terrorism experts to offer technical assistance to Israeli specialists, and is assembling a "comprehensive package of training, technical assistance and equipment" for improving anti-terrorism coordination among Israel, the Palestinians and others in the

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Peres considers 'consultative forum' with Likud

SARAH HONIG

POLITICAL trial balloons were floated by the dozen yesterday, with suggestions ranging from the resignation of the government prior to the establishment of a short-term emergency cabinet, to the setting up of a "consultative

forum" - with opposition representatives invited to join.

The latter notion is credited to Prime Minister Shimon Peres, whose close allies say he doesn't rule out some form of emergency association with the opposition merely to give the public a psychological uplift.

Those around Peres also say privately that what they most ardently wish at this juncture is that the elections they brought forward can now be pushed back again.

Labor ministers close to Peres report that he is in a great quandary.

On the one hand, he does not want to give any appearances that he is losing control or confidence, and most of all, that he is admitting the failure of his Oslo deals.

Openly pressing for delayed elections or initiating the setting up of a national unity government could be construed as the admission of failure.

Peres, *The Jerusalem Post* was told by a number of sources, would be happiest if public pressure would lead to the formation of some sort of loose association

with the opposition, which would make it appear that opposition leaders are sharing in responsibility but which would not in effect give them any real power.

Peres, say the sources, called this a "consultative forum," in which Likud leaders would be invited to sound off and give advice. The key for Peres is that the initiative come from elsewhere, and that he appear as yielding to the requests of others rather than admitting flaws in his policies.

As for delaying the elections, which Peres moved up after the polls showed him far ahead of Likud Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu, Labor MK Dalia Itzik proposed yesterday that the party now "halt moves to schedule the election on May 29 and return to the original date of October 29. As was the case after the Rabin assassination, the time now is to stabilize the political situation.

"Everything is in an uproar. Emotions are topsy-turvy. We cannot go to elections in less than three months. It would be wrong, and we have the Knesset majority to change the date."

Itzik denied that she is motivat-

ed by the fact that Labor's electoral prospects appear to be nose-diving. In the Likud, especially in the mainstream circles, the notion of an emergency government or delayed elections is rejected categorically, although the party leaders prefer to stay away from blatantly political pronouncements.

Netanyahu told CNN yesterday that "if the government makes the right moves in the fight against terrorism, it would have our unstinting support. We will support it wholeheartedly and without reservation, and for that we do not need cabinet seats or portfolios."

However, many Likud MKs are calling for Peres's resignation. Yehoshua Matza and Ron Nachman issued a statement saying that "in any other country, the government would have resigned after such an appalling collapse of its central policy plank. But in Israel this failing government instead wants to prolong its tenure by putting off the elections it advanced only recently when polls were suspicious for it." (Continued on Page 9)

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Izzadin Kassam offers 'cease-fire' but says it will attack if attacked

IZZADIN Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, yesterday issued a statement offering to suspend attacks against Jews until July.

The statement came several hours after Hamas leaders in Gaza gave a press conference demanding an end to the attacks "until a position can be developed for serving the interests of our people." However, they did not condemn the four attacks this past week.

The separate statements reflect a clash between competing and conflicting interests in the Islamic Movement, the desire of Hamas to oppose the peace accords with armed attacks while maintaining political influence.

The Kassam leaflet reflected most of the demands made by Dr. Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas spokesman, who called the press conference together with Mohammed Shama, a close confidant of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin who is in prison in Israel. But it warned that suicide attacks could resume if Israel maintains its attacks on Hamas.

The press conference was held in the offices of Fatah in Gaza immediately after a meeting Monday night in the offices of Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Zahar did not meet with Arafat, but with Tayeb Abdel-Rahim, the PA secretary-general, who passed on Arafat's demand that it call for an end to violence or be outlawed with Izzadin Kassam.

At the time, Arafat was in the middle of a 3 1/2 hour meeting with Jordan's Interior Minister Awad Khleifat to coordinate action to be taken against Hamas.

The demand for an immediate call to end attacks was the first

JON IMMANUEL

point on their common agenda. Arafat has accused Jordan of allowing Hamas to operate and send instructions to Hamas in Gaza, although Jordan formally closed down Hamas offices two years ago.

The Kassam leaflet said, "We fully respect the demand of the political leadership... We are not responsible for any further action inside the Zionist entity."

In its six-point statement Kassam said the "cease-fire" would provide for PA-mediated contacts between Hamas and Israel "to plan for participation in building our beloved country."

It warned that any "terroristic activity" by Israel against Hamas and Kassam would mean the resumption of suicide attacks.

The "cease-fire" conditions were similar to the three-month

cease-fire offered by "the Yihye Ayyash cells" the day before the Dizengoff Center attack.

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Sisters of Mochya Eddin Sharif carry out belongings from the family home in Jerusalem before it was sealed yesterday. Sharif has been linked by security forces to recent attacks. (Brian Hessler)

Police seal home of most wanted Hamas man

BILL HUTMAN

POLICE sealed the home of one of the most wanted Hamas terrorists, Mochya Eddin Sharif, in the Jerusalem neighborhood of Beit Hanina yesterday, evicting his family from the house after allowing them to take out their belongings.

The house is to be demolished by tomorrow, unless the family's petition to the High Court of Justice prevents the move.

In Beit Hanina, dozens of police and border policemen closed off the area around the home of Sharif, known as the successor to "The Engineer," Yihye Ayyash, Hamas's former explosives expert killed in Gaza earlier this year. Sharif is referred to as "The Engineer No. 2."

Ribki Sharif, his father, called on Hamas to halt its suicide attacks, and denied his son was behind the wave of recent suicide bombings.

"Enough, enough of all this killing. I am so angry about all that has happened in the past days. All of the killing, I have worked 54 years for this house, and look where I am now because of all this," the father said, watching as police cemented shut the windows and doors of his home.

"We have nowhere to go," Sharif said. Family members said they would petition the High Court of Justice against the order, with the help of attorney Leah Tsemel.

The order to seal the home was signed by OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Shmuel Arad, and issued to the family before dawn, when police also carried out a search of the home. Family members charged police with ransacking the home, but police denied this.

The order, which says the home will be demolished in 48 hours, only refers to Sharif's alleged involvement in the August suicide bombing in Ramat Hashikma, in which four people were killed. Sharif allegedly prepared the explosives, and turned them over to suicide bomber Sufiyan Jibrin. However, security sources have also linked Sharif with the recent wave of attacks, alleging he prepared the explosives in those cases also.

His father said he studied at Al-Kuds University, a hotbed of Hamas activity in Abu Dis, just outside Jerusalem.

"The last time I saw my son was two and half months ago. It was in Ramallah. He asked me to help him escape, to help him, how do you say it, flee to Jordan. He wanted me to forge documents for him," Sharif said.

"My son has done nothing. He hasn't done all those things that he is accused of. He would never do such things," Sharif added.

Families of terrorists petition for their homes

EVELYN GORDON

THE families of three terrorists connected with the Ramat Gan and Jerusalem bus bombings last summer petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday against the army's decision to destroy or seal off parts of their homes.

One petition was by Abdallah Azem of Kfar Karyut, near Nablus, whose brother, Labib, committed the Ramat Gan bus bombing on July 24.

On October 2, the army first told the family it had decided to destroy Azem's house. The family appealed to Attorney-General Michael Beo-Yair, and on December 19, they were informed that only the room inhabited by Labib would be destroyed.

Then, on December 24, they were told the destruction order had been indefinitely suspended.

On Monday, however, the army changed its mind and informed the family it would destroy the room.

Atzel Abed Rabho, of Dahariye near Hebron, filed the second petition. As with Azem, the army had decided to destroy the part of Abed Rabho's house inhabited by Sufiyan Jabarin, who committed the Bus 26 bombing in Jerusalem on August 21.

As in Azem's case, the destruction order was suspended, and was only reactivated on Monday.

The third petition was by Nagar Sharif of Beit Hanina, whose son Mubdi gave Jabarin the explosives he used in the Bus 26 attack. Unlike in the other two cases, the army wants only to seal off, rather than destroy, the room inhabited by Mubdi, and the order was issued for the first time on Monday, rather than having been issued earlier and suspended.

Attorney Lea Tsemel, who filed the petitions, argued that the long time which has passed since the attacks makes the effectiveness of the destruction orders questionable.

The court has always permitted such acts before because of the army's claim that they are effective deterrents. However, Tsemel argued, the army itself has always said the effectiveness of the deterrent is related to the promptness of the action, so this argument can hardly apply more than six months after the fact.

With respect to Azem and Abed Rabho, who both live in Area B, Tsemel also argued that the destruction orders are invalid. While the IDF has overriding security authority in Area B, the Palestinian Authority governs daily life, including police actions. Thus the army has no authority to issue such an order, Tsemel argued.

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The other, Yossef Rotem, of Moshav Geulim, had planned to celebrate his 21st birthday on Sunday. Instead, he is being treated in the hospital's neurosurgical department, suffering from severe head injuries.

Another of the two wounded soldiers were said to be in serious condition in Rambam, another in satisfactory condition and one in good condition.

The three other soldiers wounded are being treated in Safed's Rebecca Sieff Hospital for slight injuries.

IDF probes zone attack in which 4 men died

INQUIRIES by the Northern Command are continuing into the attack in the security zone in Kibbutz Manara.

The gunned, reportedly from the Palestinian Islamic Revolutionary Army, fired from inside the security zone and then fled, after slightly wounding one of the IDF soldiers.

Reinforcements were called to the scene and the nearby communities were sealed off due to fear that it was an infiltration attempt.

Meanwhile, a search operation was mounted to chase after the gunman in the zone.

It transpired, however, that the ambush was most likely a decoy to lure the searching soldiers into a roadside bomb trap that had already been laid by Hizbullah gunmen inside the zone.

DAVID RUDGE

As the troops reached a point where the booby trap had been planted, a large explosive device was exploded alongside them - killing the battalion commander and the three other soldiers and wounding eight others.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the roadside bomb attack, while the Palestinian Islamic Revolutionary Army took the "credit" for the initial ambush near the border fence.

The same organization, which is believed to be a cover name for Hizbullah, claimed responsibility for the abortive hang glider attack in South Lebanon last month.

Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amoon

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the English-speaking Jerusalem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street.

Lic. Rafael Rodriguez Barrera, Ambassador of Mexico, will speak on "The Culture of the Mayans."

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The Scrabble Clubs of Israel mourn the untimely death of **GAIL (Geshen) BELKIN** and her mother **SYLVIA BERNSTEIN**

Israel must have better intelligence

COMMENT

DAVID RUDGE

THE attack in the security zone on Monday night - which claimed the lives of four soldiers and left nine wounded - was carefully planned and coordinated.

It bore all the hallmarks of an operation by Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, and probably took several days to organize.

The fact that neither the IDF nor the South Lebanese Army had any inkling of the plans or movements of the Hizbullah squad points directly to the weak spot in the ongoing battle against Hizbullah - poor intelligence.

Hizbullah's own intelligence gathering capabilities, on the other hand, have been improving, using the support and fears of the Shi'ite population north of the security zone and apparently some of them inside as well.

As concern mounts among residents of the zone over the outcome of peace talks and their own future, this trend is likely to continue.

The fact that Hizbullah's Monday night operation coincided with the wave of Islamic fundamentalist suicide attacks in Israel is no surprise.

Hizbullah initiated suicide attacks, and explosive devices of one kind or another remain the organization's favorite and most deadly weapon.

Hamas and Hizbullah have the same ideology.

The IDF must improve its intelligence in order to combat these organizations, while stepping up the psychological war against Islamic extremists and their mentors.

The Makuya Movement in Japan

We express our deepest condolences to the relatives and friends of the innocent victims who lost their lives in the recent acts of terrorism. We pray for a speedy recovery for the injured.

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B'nai B'rith International

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We support Prime Minister Peres and the Government of Israel, in their efforts to restore peace and security to the nation.

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Back to business

COMMENT
MICHAL YUDELMAN

TEL Avivians who came bleary-eyed to the streets yesterday found life as far from war as a sunny morning could be. Licking its wounds, the business-like city was returning rapidly to its routine.

Before long the cafes were humming with regular patrons, hurried in their newspapers, looking up from their coffee only for an exchange of, "Where were you when it went off?"

The worst shock was the unfamiliar sight of a black and gutted Dizengoff Center, a place almost every center-city person strolls or scurries past at least once a day.

The familiar competing corner cash dispensers of Leumi and Hapoalim were gaping black holes. Memorial candles, not Visa cards, sat within.

The King George-Dizengoff in-



Demonstrators vent their anger at the site of Monday's blast. (Dan Ossendyver/Israel Sun)

tersection where the bomb spread death, blood and wreckage, had been scrubbed clean overnight. The traffic jams were back. So were the demonstrators.

Like Parisians, Tel Avivians can spot out-of-towners like sore thumbs, especially the rent-a-demo lot.

Sure there were genuinely angry and frightened Tel Avivians. But not among those demonstrating outside Dizengoff Center after the disaster and again yesterday.

Tel Avivians were those who stood silently after the bombing, just staring at the bombed intersection, or crunching along through the broken glass in hunched moodiness.

Not so those who came so rapidly with posters, lacking the dignity of gloom, or tearful anger, or

Anything but a normal day

HELEN KAYE

HORNS honk furiously, as usual. Traffic at the intersection of King George and Dizengoff streets crawls, as usual. A warm sun shines from a spring blue sky, as usual.

And nothing is as usual. Shards of glass still crunch underfoot. The lacy cotton curtains on the second floor of Bank Leumi on the corner swing tipsily from buckled rods. There are rows of candles beneath the walls of Bank Hapoalim across the street.

"What does it say?" asks Elizabeth Shields from Canada. She's looking at a carefully handwritten poster stuck on the wall of the Bank Hapoalim with a paraphrase, in Hebrew, of Bob Dylan's *Blowing in the Wind* that's called "Blowing in the Wind, March 1996."

Shield's husband, Boris, was on the King George side of the street when the bomb exploded Monday afternoon. He brought her back "to see and to be part of this."

"We are a small people, a small land. This is all we have," shrieks a man into the camera for a French TV crew.

Behind him, labeled with bumper stickers saying *Ze lo shalom haver* (This is not peace, friend), a dozen or so protesters redouble their howls for the cameras. "In fire and blood throw out Peres," they chant, and call for former defense minister Ariel Sharon "to do what you did in Gaza."

A few meters away a woman becomes hysterical, screaming at a round-faced, mid-looking man. "Ashafist [PLO supporter], Nazi," she shrieks, out of control. The crowd on the pavement shifts, alarmed. The atmosphere gets ugly, fast.

Swiftly, just as some of the protesters start for him, the man is taken out of harm's way by a border policeman. Others hustle off the potential lynch-mob, and the tension mitigates.

There is a massive and alert police and army presence to keep the peace.

"Mommy didn't want us to come, and I was scared too," says 14-year-old Shachar Admon of Bat Yam. He's near the candles and the shouters with his father Yoav and his brothers - Tal, 6, and Nir, 11. "Let them see," says the father, who had insisted on the outing. "Let them understand that we have no security."

Ya'akov Dahan from Bat Yam is also standing outside the Center with his daughter, Yamit, who's five. Isn't he afraid to be here, after Monday?

"If everyone is afraid, what will happen?" he says. "This is our land."

Kobi Zaharon, 12, 'a knowledge-seeking child'

ORI GOLAN

"YOU just don't know who to cry over first," one teacher said to another, as they looked over the new grave covered in wreaths.

Hundreds, maybe thousands, made their way yesterday afternoon to Kiryat Shaul's cemetery to attend 12-year-old Kobi Zaharon's funeral, one of the victims of the Dizengoff bomb blast.

Teachers, soldiers, relatives and young school children all assembled in subdued quiet at the cemetery's gate. Slowly, hesitantly, they approached Kobi's fam-

ily. Sad, solemn faces, wreaths in hand, they shook their heads silently, nodded their heads in tacit understanding and whispered words of condolence.

Every now and again the silence was shattered by a deep, visceral cry of pain: "Why. Oh God, why?"

"Kobi and Yovav Levy, were inseparable," recalls Michael Davidov, a school friend. "They knew each other from first grade."

On Monday, both friends decided to celebrate Purim in Tel Aviv, and went to see a movie at

edge-seeking child, well-behaved and polite. I cannot grasp it. Only a few days ago, his mother called to invite me to his bar mitzva celebration."

"Kobi was in my class," said Alon, in a voice which has still not even broken. "I knew him well. Now he is dead. He didn't deserve to die."

Miri, his teacher from Singalovsky school, said over his open grave, "You were among us and you are now no more. I see your beautiful, sparkling eyes looking at me."

Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, speaking at the end of the service, said: "Kobi was supposed to be celebrating his bar mitzva soon. We will not see him reach manhood. Kobi, instead of celebrating Purim today, we are burying you."

As the crowd began to disperse, instructions were given to those who continued to the next funeral: that of best friend Yovav's funeral.

"You just don't know who to cry over first," says one Singalovsky teacher to another.

... and 10 more who died passing through Dizengoff

MICHAL YUDELMAN

DANA GUTHERMAN
Dana Guterman, 14, of Moshav Mishmeret, came to Tel Aviv with three girlfriends for a Purim day of fun. Three of them - Dana, Hadas Dror and Bat-Hen Shahak - were killed in Monday's Tel Aviv attack.

The fourth, Nili Zeltzer, narrowly escaped the same fate when she crossed the street seconds ahead of her friends. Zeltzer is recovering from her wounds in Ichilov Hospital.

Dana and her friends desired peace, with all their hearts and were always explaining to their school friends how important the peace process was, their mourning friends in the regional Emeq Hefer high school said.

Dana was buried yesterday at the cemetery in Tel Mond.

She is survived by her parents and a brother and sister, Yair and Yael.

BAT-HEN SHAHAK
Bat-Hen Shahak, 15, of Tel Mond, dressed up for Purim in her mother's wedding dress. She died on the Hebrew date of her birthday.

After strolling the streets of Tel Aviv, she and her girlfriends were planning to return home. But at lunchtime Bat-Hen called

home and asked her father for permission to stay a few hours more.

"We're having such a good time," she said. "We're on our way to Dizengoff Center."

Zvi Shahak, her father, agreed.

Later that day, he identified her body at the Abu Kabir Forensic Institute.

Bat-Hen, sister of Yela, 13, and Ofri, 9, was "a little peace-seeking poet," her friends said.

to buy a present for a bar mitzva to which she and her husband Shimon were invited.

Her brother drove her to the center and dropped her off there. After hearing of the bombing, and finding that she had not returned home yet, he began to look for her.

When he couldn't find her name at the information center opened by the Tel Aviv Municipality, he drove to Abu Kabir, where he identified her body.

The couple had no children.

help others. At the university, she was involved in political activity in support of the peace process and against violence.

YOVAV LEVY
Yovav Levy, 12, of Tel Aviv, had come to celebrate Purim at Dizengoff Center with his friend Kobi Zaharon, who was also killed in the blast.

He is survived by his father, Yossi, who works at Ma'ariv, his mother and a brother, 8.

Yovav was an excellent student and his friends said he loved to play soccer.

Yovav was buried yesterday at Hayarkon cemetery.

Grandmother and mother die in trip for wedding dress

BATSHEVA TSUR

GAIL BELKIN left her home in Herzliya on Monday afternoon to take her daughter to buy a wedding dress. They drove to Tel Aviv together with Gail's mother, Sylvia Bernstein.

Last night, the daughter was trying to decide whether she would wear the dress to the wedding, scheduled for a week after she gets up from the shiva for her mother and grandmother, both of whom were killed in Dizengoff Center.

Gail Belkin, 48, and Sylvia Bernstein, 73, will be buried today when members of the family arrive for the funeral from South Africa and Zimbabwe.

The wedding is due to take place March 19, less than a year

after Gail - a native of Zimbabwe, who grew up in Durban, South Africa - married Larry, a widower who lost his first wife seven years ago in a traffic accident.

"I knew they had gone to Tel Aviv to try on the wedding dress," Larry Belkin said yesterday evening. "When I heard about the attack, I of course felt anxious, but in a very general way, like hundreds of thousands of others."

"We had fixed to meet at six o'clock to go to synagogue and hear the reciting of Megilat Esther. Six came and went. At first I thought they were held up because of the traffic and the commotion. I started really worrying

at about eight when there were no longer problems of communication, and [my wife's] daughter said she had found [Gail's] car in the parking lot, unmoved, three hours after the explosion."

The three women, he explained, had separated shortly before the bomb went off.

"We started making the rounds of the hospitals on the phone," Belkin said yesterday evening, in an interview with Educational TV. "A relative also went from place to place to check. We called the municipal information center. All the time, they checked the lists for updates. Ironically, every time they said their names didn't

appear I was relieved. Only at around 11 p.m. did I grasp what it meant that a person's name doesn't appear on the lists, doesn't come home, doesn't pick up a car."

At that point, Belkin went to Abu Kabir and waited together with the other families. He described the process of gradual realization of the tragedy.

"From time to time, they called someone into a room and asked questions. There were social workers there, and psychologists. Policemen sat opposite huge piles of forms and filled in answers in reply to questions. We still hoped that the purpose was to find them alive in one of the hospitals, that somehow or other

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35 still in hospitals: 5 in serious condition

TAMMY BELSON and Rim

THIRTY-FIVE people wounded in the Dizengoff bombing were still hospitalized yesterday in Ichilov, Beilinson and Tel Hashomer hospitals.

At Ichilov, 32 people are hospitalized, five of them in serious condition, three of those youths. Another three are in satisfactory condition and the rest in good condition. At Beilinson, there is one victim in satisfactory condition, while at Tel Hashomer two are hospitalized - one in satisfactory condition and one in good condition.

The wounded hospitalized at Ichilov yesterday had vivid memories of the deadly attack.

Sharon Greenberg, 23, from Migdal Ha'emek, had just finished a blind date, and was crossing the street to go to the bank

pened." Negrin, from Seattle, suffered psychological trauma.

Dikla Berger, 9, from Haifa, had gone to a Purim show at the mall with her mother and two friends when the bomb went off. She has minor wounds on her forehead and legs. "I think peace can be achieved, but we need to make an agreement which will tell the people who do the bombing not to do it. Then I still won't believe them. I still won't feel safe," she said.

Nitzan Steiner, 8½, from Ramat Ishai, was with Dikla when the bomb exploded. She was unconscious and has since suffered from dizziness.

"We can't make peace with the Arabs. I don't believe them. They have to be sent out of the country," she said.

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A girl dressed in her Purim costume watches another youngster light a memorial candle yesterday near the site of Sunday's suicide bombing in downtown Jerusalem. (Brian Henders)

Barak: Last chance for Arafat

HILLEL KUTTLER
WASHINGTON

AMERICAN and Israeli officials yesterday stepped up the pressure on Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat to eradicate those responsible for the recent bombings. The PA knows where Hamas leaders can be found and has what might be its "last opportunity" now to eradicate the organization, Foreign Minister Ehud Barak told CBS's This Morning show yesterday. But the PLO's chief Washington representative, Hasan Abdel Rahman said Monday night that while "probably we need to do more," the Israeli government's statements indicated "panicking" and are "only playing into the hands of the Israeli right wing," as well as Palestinian opponents of the peace process. "Once you start accusing Arafat of not doing enough, you are planting doubt in the minds of the Israeli public opinion," Rahman said. US Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk, speaking on CBS, said "it's now five minutes past midnight" for Arafat to act, "if he is to salvage what has been achieved for his people." Barak warned that if the PA

effort is "insufficient," Israel "will operate wherever it will be needed and whenever it will be needed." But he conceded that defeating terrorism is "not going to happen overnight." Indyk stated that if Arafat is unsuccessful in fighting terrorism, "then they [Israel] will do it for him." "It's clear to us that all the last incidents were directed and coordinated from Gaza ... and from Ramallah, which is under Palestinian control," Barak said. "It's true that the individuals who

committed suicide during these attacks were chosen, maybe intentionally, from areas which [are] under our security control. But the whole operation was ordered and coordinated from the areas under the Palestinian Council security services, and we know that they know who are the people and they should arrest them, put them behind bars," he said. Asked whether Arafat was doing enough to control Hamas, Leah Rabin, visiting in New York, told NBC's Today show, "What is enough? Are we doing enough? I feel we are trying our best. I am sure he's trying his best ... to catch these people."

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Weizman: Israel must take offensive

BATSHEVA TSUR

PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman yesterday urged the government to take the offensive against terrorism.

"This is not a war against peace," he said. "It is against the very [existence of the] state of Israel. It's the first time they are trying to attack the morale of the country."

Calling on the public to restrain its pain and anger, Weizman said: "I understand the pressure people are under, the anger and the strong criticism, [but we must remember] that this is our country and we have no other."

"We shall overcome, in the hope that all those involved in state security - the army, police, GSS, and others - will counter attack because if this is a war we have to attack."

"We cannot fight a defensive war. That usually is not a success. We must take the initiative for a full-scale attack.... I believe in forces, plans, and actions and we must see activity, impressive activity, in a short time, in order to feel them."

Weizman was speaking during

a visit to the wounded at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

Asked about his midnight meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Weizman told reporters: "Some of the things I heard from Peres satisfy me. About others, we must still take a more offensive position. I'm sure all those involved are now sitting on plans of what to do."

Questioned about expanding the government, Weizman refused to comment, saying: "The existing government has to give the operative answers to terrorist acts."

Buchanan backs Mideast peace process, deplors bombings

LA GRANGE, Georgia (Reuters) - Republican presidential candidate Pat Buchanan on Monday expressed support "to the hilt" for the Israeli government and said he hoped the bombing campaign by Hamas fails to derail the peace process.

"I hope to God they fail," he declared upon learning that there had been another bombing in Israel. Campaigning in New York, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said it would be difficult to justify further US aid for the Palestinian Authority unless PLO leader Yasser Arafat made serious new efforts to crack down on extremist attacks. Dole called the recent string of bombings "brutal and cowardly attacks by those determined to kill Israelis and kill the peace process."

Buchanan, who has had to fight charges of antisemitism and who just a day ago repeated his criticism of the Israeli lobby in the Congress and media, very strongly urged support for Prime Minister Shimon Peres's government.

"We've got to back up Peres to the hilt," he said, and "cut them some slack" as the Israelis crack down on Hamas.

"I can understand the anguish and rage of the Israeli people," said Buchanan, campaigning for Georgia's primary. "I believe Congress will take a hard look at assistance to the Palestinian Authority after these terrorist assaults. Unless and until serious and terrorist actions are implemented by Chairman Arafat, it is difficult to justify continued US assistance to the Palestinian Authority," Dole said.

Dole said Arafat must take "visible, effective steps" to control extremism, and called for Congress to increase pressure on Libya and Iran to halt support for groups such as Hamas.

NEWS IN BRIEF

American insurer doesn't want to come for court case

An American insurer involved in a court case in Israel has requested that a hearing be postponed so its employees do not have to come to Israel during the current wave of terror attacks. The case involved a fire at Haifa Chemicals in 1994, which caused some \$70 million worth of damage. One of the company's insurers, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., disputed Haifa Chemicals' claim for compensation.

Last May, the company filed suit against St. Paul in the Tel Aviv District Court. The court scheduled a hearing on the case for March 10.

Haifa Chemicals charged St. Paul was cynically exploiting "the horrific events in Israel" for its own economic interests. *Evelyn Gordon*

El Al brings mother of bombing victim

A Leningrad woman whose daughter was reported to have been killed in the Dizengoff Center explosion on Monday was flown to Israel yesterday and informed mid-flight that she was alive.

Aleonora Lebedera heard her daughter Erena Nudelman had died in the bombing, and went to the El Al counter at Leningrad airport. Lebedera asked for financial assistance in traveling to Israel.

El Al representatives contacted company president Rafi Hariv and immediately approved a free ticket. During her flight to Israel, Lebedera was informed that her daughter was seriously injured, and is in Ichilov Hospital. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

Conference demands anti-terror legislation

The Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations called on Congress Monday to immediately pass anti-terrorism legislation, which "has languished for more than one year" on Capitol Hill.

The conference also called for legislation that would deny contracts to companies, or their subsidiaries, that do business in Iran or "other terrorist supporting states."

The anti-terror bill would limit fund-raising activities. The conference also called for enforcement of President Clinton's executive order of last year to freeze assets of terror organizations that are held in the US. *Marilyn Henry*

Syria says still committed to peace with Israel

Syria said yesterday it was still committed to making peace with Israel despite Israel's decision to recall its team from the United States handling peace talks with Damascus.

Syria's government-controlled press reiterated Damascus' views that only a just and comprehensive peace could put an end to violence and terrorism in the region.

"Such peace, as events prove day after day, is the only method which ends all tension, terrorism and violence in the region. Only this peace could ensure security, stability and prosperity to the peoples of the region," *al-Baath* daily said. *Reuters*

Top Japanese general to visit

The chief of Japan's ground forces arrives here today as part of the growing ties between Japan and Israel. Gen. Watanabe will be hosted by Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen. Matan Vilna'i and will visit the small Japanese force which took up its post as UN observers on the Golan Heights last month.

Watanabe's three-day visit is the first by Japan's top military commanders. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

Tibi calls on government to end closure

DAVID RUDGE

DR. Ahmed Tibi, adviser to Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, yesterday called on the government to end the closure of the territories.

He also warned that any attempts by Israel to "break into" areas under the control of the PA would cause a disaster to the peace process.

"The PA is doing everything in its power to prevent the planning and encouragement of terrorist acts," said Tibi.

He made his comments yesterday as thousands of Israeli Arabs demonstrated in towns and villages and at road junctions near their communities throughout the country in support of peace and against terrorism.

Arab councils were closed and municipal services were shut

down for two hours yesterday afternoon in protest against the attacks in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Schoolchildren were also given special lessons in Arab schools denouncing the horror of terrorist attacks and the loss of innocent lives.

"We have to continue with these public and popular demonstrations to condemn in the strongest terms all acts of terrorism," Tibi said. "On the other hand, I call on the Israeli government not to impose collective punishment [on the Palestinian people]. These measures are counterproductive, and only help to put weapons in the hands of those extremists who support terrorist activities," said Tibi. "I call on the government to

end the closure, which has already proved to be ineffective from a security point of view and effective only from the psychological aspect."

"I understand the anger and bitterness, but the Palestinian people as a whole are not guilty in the same way that not all Jews are guilty for the massacre by Baruch Goldstein at the Machpela Cave." Tibi said he hopes "common sense" would prevail over the desire for revenge.

"Any attempt to break into areas controlled by the PA would bring about a disaster to the peace process," he said. "The government and the PA should coordinate steps together to strengthen the peace process and not weaken

it by each side weakening the other," said Tibi.

Apart from the demonstrations and special school lessons yesterday, Israeli Arab leaders are planning further measures to publicly denounce the Hamas-inspired wave of terrorist attacks.

The attacks have also been condemned by the spiritual head of the Islamic Movement, Sheikh Abdallah Nimr Darweesh.

Darweesh has himself been severely criticized by leaders of the Hamas organizations abroad because of his public stance and for being too "outspoken" in his condemnation of the attacks.

He has called on Islamic leaders to issue a fatwa (religious edict), which would ban suicide attacks and violence against innocent people.

Husseini: Israel made Hamas what it is

BILL HUTMAN

ISRAEL is responsible for making Hamas the organization it is today, Faisal Husseini, the senior PLO leader in Jerusalem, told reporters yesterday.

"Israel is the one that helped the Hamas grow, and opened the Pandora's box. But this is not the time to talk about it," Husseini said at Orient House, the PLO

headquarters in Jerusalem. Last night, Palestinian figures from across the religious and political spectrum in Jerusalem held a memorial ceremony at the Kasbah Theater in eastern Jerusalem for those killed in the recent terror attacks, according to Israel Radio.

"Our pain is no less than the pain on the Israeli side," said Husseini, who also criticized the measures being taken by the government against Hamas as ultimately also hurting the Palestinian Authority's standing. "We need cooperation [between

the PA and Israel] to get the job done," Husseini said. "The PA has been in place for only two years, and has already done many things [to contain Hamas terror]," Husseini said.

"We must go forward, and not be afraid of the peace," Husseini said. "Both sides must listen more to each other."

Education Ministry hot line: a chance to vent fears

BATSHEVA TSUR

TWELVE-year-old Remy from Holon had a problem yesterday. With her bat-mitzva only two weeks off, she had to make a quick decision whether to cancel it following the terrorist bombings.

She decided to call the Education Ministry's hot line.

At the ministry's head office, Dr. Bilha Noy answered. Together they thought out loud why Remy might want to cancel. The children are all sad, Remy pointed out, and might not want to go to a celebration. On the other hand, the hall and caterers had been paid for.

But most important, she said, we should not show the terrorists that they can break our spirit.

"The soldiers are fighting the terrorists with guns. The children can fight by keeping our morale high," is how she phrased it, with Noy's help.

Several dozen callers phoned the hot line yesterday.

In the morning, most of them were elementary schoolchildren who were frightened and wanted to talk to someone. They asked mainly philosophical questions, such as "If there is a God, why is this happening to us?" or "What will be if the peace process continues?"

One youngster had been at the site of the bomb attack. The youngster wasn't physically injured but remained severely traumatized.

Several high school pupils tried to cope with preparing for final exams tomorrow when they couldn't concentrate.

Others complained that the electronic media were replaying scenes of horror, Noy said.

"Our job was to give them legit-

imation for their fears, to tell them that even adults have the same anxieties," Noy said. "We explained that there are ups and downs in the peace process, that more people are killed on the roads than by bombs... Some of them were helped, others less so," she said.

One young woman banged the phone down, shouting: "What do you clerks in a Jerusalem office know about how it feels to walk around Tel Aviv now?"

This is the third time the ministry has operated the hot line - which normally receives about 10 complaints a day about treatment inside schools - for pupils and parents to simply vent their fears. Four trained psychologists and educators were on duty to answer questions and will be available today as well.

They can be reached at tel. 02292538 or 02-292539.

AACI to help English speakers cope with terror

JUDY SIEGEL

THE Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel (AACI) has launched emergency programs to provide emotional support to former immigrants and other English speakers having difficulty coping with the latest wave of terror.

AACI Jerusalem regional director Evie Weidenbaum initiated the project yesterday in her area, and AACI national chairman Olga Rachmilevich coordinated similar programs in the central, Netanya, northern and southern regions of the association.

"We are doing it along the model of the programs we held during the Gulf War, which caused similar feelings of helplessness, even though gas masks are no protection against terrorist bombs," said Weidenbaum. "We'll keep them going for as long as necessary," but hopes it will be only for a short time."

She said young participants in the World Zionist Organization's programs, such as Shertut La'am and Otzma, were coming under pressure from parents to come home.

A Purim party scheduled for 11 a.m. today for AACI Seniors has been canceled, to be replaced by a session with Dr. Jerry Epstein, a clinical psychologist specializing in grief and trauma. Tomorrow at 8 p.m., another discussion group will meet with a professional facilitator. On March 13, at 8 p.m., social worker Yosef Mintz will lead a group for young olim. The Jerusalem branch at 6 Mane Street (Tel. 02-617151) is also organizing a hot line and special drop-in hours.

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SUDAN'S military government said it has begun a cease-fire this week in the war with southern rebels and hopes the truce will lead to reopening peace talks.

The announcement came in response to a truce declared by one of the major rebel groups in southern Sudan, which said it had ordered its fighters to halt attacks against government troops.

An official spokesman in Khartoum said the new cease-fire would take effect on all fronts.

"The government hopes that this cease-fire will be a good omen for achieving a comprehensive peace in all parts of Sudan," said Maj. Gen. Mohammed Abdel Gadir, the army spokesman.

The South Sudan Independence Movement headed by Rick Machar had announced the truce, saying it wanted to facilitate the resumption of the peace talks. (AP)

Israel pays bloody price for Hamas power struggles

It is impossible, using tools of logic, to fathom something as illogical as the terrorist attacks on the Jerusalem and Ashkelon buses and Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Center.

Yet there were odd new signs which deserve attention.

For the first time, the current terrorist wave was accompanied by calls on behalf of Izzadin Kassam for a cease-fire "with the Israeli government" are not really a surprise, or entirely new.

In the case of the murdered soldier Nahshon Wachman, for example, Izzadin Kassam presented demands that the "Judization" of Jerusalem - the establishment of new Jewish neighborhoods in eastern Jerusalem - end. The demands were not negotiable, but rather were blackmail. Yet in its perverse way, Hamas could be

seen shifting away from a jihad the aim of which was the destruction of Israel to make way for an Islamic state "from the sea to the river." By accepting a de-facto "government of Israel" but continuing a terror campaign, Izzadin Kassam believed it could force Israel to negotiate with it.

The Izzadin Kassam leaflets after this week's murderous attacks can be seen as steps on the same path. The first leaflet referred for the first time to a "peace" with Israel: "If the Israeli government is serious about its own peace plan, it would let our prisoners free."

A later leaflet referred to a Hamas proposal for a so-called "cease-fire," according to which Hamas would not attack any more "Israeli civilians." This, cynically, immediately preceded the

Dizengoff atrocity.

It highlights some serious internal Hamas splits inside and outside the territories.

Palestinian sources say there is now serious "argument" - not a "split" - inside Hamas over continuing the military struggle.

THE MILITANT hard core in Gaza is exhausted and looking for a "cease-fire" with Israel. A wing principally located in the West Bank refuses to join.

The heads of the Gaza wing, according to the Palestinian sources, are Abd al-Fatah Sutari and Mohammed Deif. The leader of the West Bank wing is Mohiadin Sharif, from Beitunia north of Jerusalem, but now living in Jericho.

Hamas political leaders in Gaza were interested in the cease-fire

ante immunity for some 40 activists who would then declare their retirement.

The PA put the request to Israel, which turned it down, insisting that all of Izzadin Kassam lay down its weapons.

It was at these negotiations Izzadin Kassam agreed to a PA request to refrain from attacks during the Palestinian election campaign.

This "agreement" angered Israel, especially after terrorism resumed during the Israeli election campaign, possibly to force the Labor Party from power.

IT SEEMS Sharif ordered the recent attacks without consulting Gaza, and without the approval of all the military wing's leaders.

This can be deduced from the group taking responsibility for the

first leaflets, "the new pupils of Yihye Ayyash." Only later did Izzadin Kassam take responsibility in leaflets distributed in Hebron and also through the Hamas bureau in Damascus.

No less important were developments in Hamas outside the territories. The latest leaflets could not have been authorized without the consent of the Hamas politburo in Amman and Damascus.

Those two command centers disagree on the nature of the jihad.

The Amman command regards it as a legitimate liberation struggle. Over the years, it indicated to Western representatives that Hamas was limiting itself to attacks on soldiers and settlers.

("Amman command" does not imply any relationship to the Jordanian government. Quite the contrary, it has been one of the

focal points for opposition to the government.)

The Damascus command, however, believes in jihad without such limitations and attacked the Oslo accords to demonstrate to the world that it, not the Amman command, holds the keys to future agreements.

The latest leaflet shows the Amman command again trying to prevail, ready to talk.

So what does all this mean to Israel? Even if Hamas is ready to negotiate, there is no way Israel can sit around a table in these bloody circumstances.

Since the PLO accepted the peaceful way to go, Israel cannot enter any other kind of negotiations until all Hamas weapons really put down all their weapons and close down the "military struggle."

analyses
PINHAS INBARI

PA officials say crackdown on militants is serious

SENIOR Palestinian official Ahmed Qreia (Ahu Aja) believes the Palestinian Authority is serious about outlawing all pro-terrorist groups.

"We know how serious these attacks are; these acts of terror will kill the peace process," Qreia said.

Qreia said he had no wish to get involved in Israeli politics and believed the PA would deal with any elected Israeli government. He said, however, that the atmosphere of talks might well change and become more difficult if Labor lost power.

Qreia was an architect of the Oslo accords and remains the PA's chief negotiator. Qreia was minister of economy, industry and trade until he quit to run for Palestinian elections.

He admitted Hamas had broken its agreement with the PA on declaring a terror cease-fire.

He said the PA would continue to talk to Hamas leaders as long as they accept its authority.

In addition, he said the PA would demand that Hamas denounce violence and move into the political field. The PA will, at the same time, take tough measures against the military wings of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other groups.

"The PA will make it very clear to Hamas that it is the only authority in the Palestinian area and that it is the only one authorized to carry guns." A senior Palestinian source said Arafat feels "betrayed" by Hamas after its leaders promised to cease attacks.

The source said Arafat was out-

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raged by the recent attacks and outlawing the armed Islamic groups would be only the first step. If the political wing of Hamas did not denounce the attacks, it too would be outlawed, the source said.

He said Hamas was losing support as people blamed it for the closure and economic hardship. Since Hamas was never part of the PLO or Palestinian National Congress, it would not be impossible for the PA to outlaw the movement. But he said Israel should stop blaming the PA exclusively and accept a measure of responsibility for the security failures.

The official said closer cooperation between the security forces on both sides was necessary.

A senior Palestinian security officer said Israel would prefer to act alone within Palestinian areas, but the Palestinians have made it clear they cannot accept such intervention.

HE ADMITTED Palestinians must do everything they are committed to under the agreements, which means cracking down on those who carry out and incite terrorist acts.

Qreia said closer cooperation on security and the continuation of the peace process were the best way to prevent attacks; although such suicide attempts could never be completely prevented.

He said it must be remembered that Hamas was not just in the territories but in neighboring states;

the problem of Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorism had to be addressed regionally as well as locally.

A leader of the Palestinian security services explained that Hamas is divided and that radicals who do not want to stop military action get orders from abroad.

Qreia said he did not oppose separation between Israelis and Palestinians if the Israeli government felt it necessary. But he said the separation should not make life more difficult for the Palestinians.

If Israel wants separation, he said, the economy and trade agreement between Israel and the PA should be renegotiated to permit the PA to make independent trade agreements with Egypt and Jordan.

He said separation would be difficult with Jewish settlements in the territories, but the PA would support it if the results were improved relations between the two neighbors and improved security.

Qreia said, however, that Israeli threats to redeploy from Hebron were harmful, and argued that both sides should honor the Oslo agreement.

The PA's Gen. Abdel Razak al-Yahiya, who co-chairs the Israeli-Palestinian security committee, said that in the short term separation and electronic fences might reduce incidents. But in the long run, only closer cooperation on security between Israel and the Palestinians would be effective.

Besides, he added, in Jerusalem it would be almost impossible to introduce separation, especially if the city remains united.



Leader of the Islamic Action Front Party Hmam Saed raises his hand during a parliamentary speech by Jordan's new Prime Minister Abdul Karim al-Kabarti in Amman on Monday attacking the Iraqi regime for human rights abuses. The Islamists voted against the government during a vote of confidence. (Reuters)

Positive UN report on Iraq's armament doubtful

A REPORT expected next month by a UN commission entrusted with monitoring Iraq's destruction of its weapons of mass destruction is unlikely to be favorable, a senior UN official said this week.

Charles Duelfer, deputy chairman of the UN commission, said Iraq has forwarded to the UN draft documents on its chemical and missile capabilities which Baghdad called "final."

A third draft on Iraqi biological capabilities was expected soon, he said.

"They have over the past couple of months been providing additional documents in a sporadic fashion," said Duelfer, just before he was about to set off for Baghdad for several days of talks with government officials.

"This is a development that we've encouraged and we found positive," he said at a news conference in Manama, the Bahraini capital. But he said the reports needed verification.

"At this point, the commission

is still not in a position to report favorably to the Security Council. We still cannot answer some fundamental questions," he said.

The commission's next periodic report to the UN Security Council is due in April. Based on the commission's report, the Security Council will look into whether to lift crippling sanctions imposed on Iraq since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

For the sanctions to be lifted, Iraq must also pay war reparations and account for hundreds of people whom Kuwait says disappeared during its seven-month occupation by Iraq.

Duelfer said his visit to Baghdad was also aimed at taking a look at the one-year-old monitoring system set up by the UN commission in Iraq to see "what changes might be called for and what changes might not be called for."

"The system has to evolve," he noted. He said the results of his discussions in Baghdad will figure in the April report to the

Security Council.

He said recent reports of unrest in Iraq did not affect the work of the 80-90 UN monitors and support staff there.

Iraqi opposition groups reported violent clashes last week in Iraq when supporters of Saddam Hussein moved against suspected sympathizers of the two sons-in-law of the Iraqi leader who had defected but were killed soon after their voluntary return from exile abroad.

"I can't judge how the events in Iraq will affect our dialogue but I assume the commitment of the government to cooperate and to work with us will continue," Duelfer said.

One of the two slain defectors, Lt.-Gen. Hussein Kamel al-Majid, was in charge of Iraq's mass weapons programs for years before his defection to Jordan last August. His disclosures while in exile have forced the Iraqi government to speed up the handover to the UN of information on armaments. (AP)

Kuwait anger bars Palestinian return

ANTI-PALESTINIAN sentiment and a lack of jobs will prevent Palestinians and Jordanians who fled Kuwait in the 1990-91 Gulf crisis from returning in large numbers to rebuild their once-thriving community, analysts say.

The possible revival of one of the Gulf's oldest and wealthiest Palestinian communities has become a hot topic in the oil-rich state because of a quickening Kuwaiti rapprochement with Jordan, where many of those who left now live.

The approaching end of a Gulf war-era rift between the two countries has raised hopes among the 20,000 Palestinians who remain in Kuwait that relatives in Jordan will soon return to the country that they helped build over six decades.

But businessmen and officials rule out a mass influx.

"It's going to be very small numbers. You just have to look at the economics," said businessman Abdul-Aziz Sultan.

"We have 10,000 of our own young Kuwaitis coming to the job market every year and our government cannot absorb them.

WILLIAM MACLEAN
KUWAIT

Shafiq Ghabra, a Kuwaiti political scientist of Palestinian origin, said he expected Kuwait to take a conservative approach to any Palestinian jobseekers. "No one will try to flood the country with a whole new population," he said.

"You will eventually find more Palestinian workers here. But it will be temporary work, after which they will go home. They will have the normal status of other foreign communities here."

There are also intangible barriers to a Palestinian influx, including feelings that still run high about Jordanian and PLO support for Iraq's 1990-91 occupation of Kuwait. "We cannot forget what you did," Kuwaiti lawyer Walid Bou Rabha wrote in *al-Watan* newspaper, addressing King Hussein. "You will never have a place in the heart of the ordinary Kuwaitis."

"It is the duty of every Jordanian and everyone who supported the states that opposed [Kuwait] to apologize in person to every Kuwaiti citizen. Then, perhaps, we can begin to forgive."

The Jordanians, many of them of Palestinian origin, fled during the occupation or were expelled shortly after the war.

Kuwaitis accused the Palestinian community of collaborating with Iraq's seven-month rule. Kuwait downgraded relations and ended aid to Amman over its support for Iraq.

Longtime Palestinian residents, some of whom came to Kuwait in the 1930s, were forced out of jobs as doctors, teachers, engineers and into jobless exile with their families to Jordan.

Thousands of those who left have gone on to new lives in Canada, Australia and Europe, and thousands more appear happy to stay in Jordan with or without work, Kuwaitis say.

But Palestinians in Kuwait say tens of thousands of others might consider returning if relations were restored.

"Most of us are delighted," Palestinian expatriate Munasser Zaidan said of the recent upturn in Kuwait's relations with Amman. "For Jordanians here, life is going

to be much easier. They are saying, 'OK, now we can go back to work.'"

Not all Kuwaitis would oppose a return.

Businessmen say the replacement of the Palestinians by guest workers from Egypt and Asia has led to a lowering of standards in wide areas of activity, including education and medicine.

Political scientist Shamlan al-Eissa said Kuwait would be lucky if it could recruit experienced Palestinian bank managers, businessmen, economists, engineers, doctors and teachers.

But politicians are appalled at the idea of any large return because they suspect Kuwaitis could not compete for jobs.

Some deputies suspect Kuwait is under pressure from foreign allies to permit a Palestinian return to help ease Jordan's more serious unemployment problems, a suggestion denied by Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah.

"Even if relations with Jordan are restored, no one can come here unless they have a work contract or a visit visa, just like in other Arab countries," Sheikh Sabah said. (Reuters)

**Sudan announces
cease-fire
with southern
rebels**

SUDAN'S military government said it has begun a cease-fire this week in the war with southern rebels and hopes the truce will lead to reopening peace talks.

The announcement came in response to a truce declared by one of the major rebel groups in southern Sudan, which said it had ordered its fighters to halt attacks against government troops.

An official spokesman in Khartoum said the new cease-fire would take effect on all fronts.

"The government hopes that this cease-fire will be a good omen for achieving a comprehensive peace in all parts of Sudan," said Maj. Gen. Mohammed Abdel Gadir, the army spokesman.

The South Sudan Independence Movement headed by Rick Machar had announced the truce, saying it wanted to facilitate the resumption of the peace talks. (AP)

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The separation chimera

IT is no wonder that Prime Minister Shimon Peres has always strenuously objected to the idea of "separation." Nothing can be more of an anathema to his concept of peace between Israelis and Palestinians than fences, bomb sensors, control towers, bunkers, army patrols and guard dogs.

That is why Peres protested when the idea was introduced by the late Yitzhak Rabin after the Beit Lid massacre. "We are making peace, not borders," he said. And following the Rabin assassination, newly appointed Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr told leaders of communities shuttling the Palestinian Authority areas who complained of danger to life and property, "A fence is a matter of psychology, and psychology is not security."

Yet now fences are being touted as the solution to Israel's security problems. Trying to reconcile such a wall between Israelis and Palestinians with the idyllic peace the architects of the Oslo agreements envisioned, government spokesmen now say "We must separate for a generation, until we learn to live together. The idyll will have to wait."

The import of such a decision cannot be exaggerated. It means that instead of marching forward to a utopian New Middle East of peace and plenty and entering the 21st century as part of a regional Benelux, Israel will revert to the ghetto-like existence of 1948-1967, when terrorism reigned and all population centers were within a few kilometers from a threatening border.

Most Israelis undoubtedly value personal safety more than they do the land of Judea, Samaria and Gaza. And many - perhaps most - may be easily seduced by the concept of "separation." After the suicide bombings of the past 10 days and the agony of witnessing more than 60 funerals, they would probably give anything to remove Arab presence from their midst. But the notion that "separation" is possible is as chimerical as Peres's dream of a European Union in the Middle East.

The population of this country is mixed. This is an inalterable fact of life. More than 850,000 Arabs live within the Green Line. And to state that the vast majority are loyal to the state is as meaningless as the truism that most Palestinians are not terrorists. It takes no more than a few hundred activists to wreak the kind of havoc Israel has just experienced. And the sorry fact is that in the current roundups of Hamas activists, Israeli Arabs living in the Nazareth area have also been arrested. The very fact that virtually all Israeli Arabs, including their elected representatives in the Knesset, have actively fought against resettling "collaborators" - whom they

consider traitors - in their midst should give all Israeli Jews pause.

Even more problematic are the 150,000 Arab of Jerusalem, most of whom do not carry Israeli passports. The Hamas and Islamic Jihad organizations operate at least 10 institutions in the city, all of which are incubators of hatred for Israel. These range from Al Quds University and the Scientific Medical Association to the "Holy Land Fund" and other purported charities. And there is little doubt where the sympathies of most of Jerusalem's Arabs lie.

But there is no way for Israel to "separate" from these Arabs short of forfeiting half the city and splitting it down the middle with a border fence. Even then, there is no solution to the Old City, where separation is impossible unless Israel relinquishes the Jewish Quarter and the Western Wall.

There is, then, no solution except to roll back the Oslo agreements. This does not necessarily mean returning the army to the Arab towns and villages - although the distasteful scenes of soldiers chasing rock-throwing youths in Arab towns are far more palatable than the sights of carnage in Dizengoff Center. But it does mean the full restoration to the Israeli security services of complete freedom of action in Judea, Samaria and Gaza.

This may not be easy. It will almost certainly involve a clash with the forces of the PA, and it will cause bloodshed. The military power the Palestinians possess does not strategically threaten Israel, but it is unprecedented in its ability to inflict casualties and damage. Never in their history have they had 50,000 men under arms, nor have they ever been equipped with the kind of weapons they have today.

Moreover, Israel has lost much of its own information infrastructure in the territories. In its eagerness to placate the PLO, it has allowed the Palestinian Preventive Security police to arrest, torture and kill "collaborators" with impunity, in return for information about small fry Hamas operatives. To add painful insult to deadly injury, Israel has often treated collaborators who came in from the cold with inconsideration bordering on betrayal. It will be difficult to persuade potential allies in the Palestinian population that aiding Israel is safe, let alone rewarding.

Yet the terror infrastructure must be destroyed now. It may be tempting to postpone the day of judgment, particularly if the Islamists again inspire false confidence by suspending operations for a few months. But trying to uproot terrorism later - when the state of Palestine is an official fact - may cause an all-out, blood-drenched war.

No mercy for terrorists

MOSHE ZAK

BEHIND THE two bus bombings in Jerusalem, *The New York Times* published an article by an Israeli journalist, in which he called on Shimon Peres to avoid putting too much pressure on Arafat to take decisive action against Hamas.

A senior PLO figure also came out with some advice in an interview last week. It would be better, he said, to allow Arafat to talk to Hamas rather than forcing him into a violent confrontation with the extremists.

The Palestinian politician was appealing to the Israeli public, and the Israeli journalist to American public opinion. But neither asked himself this question: What joint platform can the PLO and Hamas possibly agree on?

Would it be one based on Arafat's promise to Israel that the Palestinian Covenant would be repealed, or on his calls to liberate Jerusalem? Would Arafat's dialogue with Hamas focus on those long-term plans Arafat recently discussed with Arab diplomats in Stockholm, or on what he has been promising American diplomats so as to obtain US financial aid?

Would the PLO-Hamas understanding depend on a rejection of terrorism, or would this be limited to a short and defined period - until Hebron is transferred to the Palestinian Authority, for example, or until after the Israeli elections?

Mr. Peres should back off from his demand that Mr. Arafat crush Hamas, *Times* readers were told by the Israeli journalist, whose enthusiasm has led him to swallow the PLO lie that the resurgence of terrorism was caused by the execution of "Engineer" Yihya Ayyash.

The readers might have been forgiven for thinking Ayyash was some innocent lamb seeking quiet pasture in Gaza and not the brain

behind attacks on Israelis that left scores dead or injured. And during the months of the imaginary Hamas cease-fire, Ayyash planned more attacks, which our security services managed to thwart.

THIS WEEK, the government faced the choice between saving Arafat and guaranteeing Israeli citizens' security. It opted for the former.

However much the government wants to save Arafat, crushing Hamas must come first.

open declaration of war on Hamas rather than for relying on Arafat to twist the organization's arm.

And Arafat? For all his public condemnations of the attacks, he is still evading an all out confrontation with Hamas. He has unwillingly committed himself to outlawing organizations like Izzedeen Kassam, the Red Eagles, the Black Panthers; and the Fatah Hawks, but he hasn't mentioned Hamas.

As Fatah leader, Arafat became adept at camouflaging his organization's acts of terror in the '70s under the name of "Black September." Hamas too has no shortage of Palestinian martyrs whose names can be adopted by future terrorists to conceal their identities.

Judging by the way the PLO Covenant issue is progressing, Arafat considers it quite likely that our government will find an excuse for his failure to curb Hamas.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

Forgive me

SUE TEDMON

FORGIVE me Suad, my friend. I've wronged you in my thoughts, and in my heart.

That Friday, we walked together on the hills between your home and mine. Our children climbed together, peered into snake holes, admired flowers, argued over the binoculars, while we adults stood by, watching indulgently.

It was idyllic, that spring day. Driving through your village to invite your husband, we passed what looked like a town meeting. The men paused, looked up and smiled as we drove past: "Shalom!" "Salaam!" "Hello!"

And when we drove past again on our way out, they smiled even more at the sight of our poor car, stuffed full of children, riding so low that the bottom scraped every pothole.

We had every reason to be hopeful, Suad and I. Our friendship had grown warmer; the rudimentary progress we'd made in each other's languages meant we could talk more, discover that we'd been guessing each other's meaning correctly all along.

Our children shared toys, exchanged drawings, pushed each other on swings. Some of our neighbors had met and enjoyed each other's company. Our community leaders had established a dialogue. We had plans for the future: a picnic, a cooking demonstration, a party.

TWO days later, I didn't want to see you.

I know you didn't do it. I know no one in your village did it. I know no one in your enormous, extended family had anything to do with it. But I didn't want to see you, or any of your family, or any of your village. Not then.

It was an irrational feeling. I did my best to shake free of it, I debated it in my mind, hearing the arguments of some of my Jewish friends, the ones who view my connections with the village warily.

"How can you be friends with..."

I know you had nothing to do with it, Suad. But I couldn't see you just then.

one of them?"

"She had nothing to do with it. It's completely unfair to blame her."

"How do you know that? She might be inwardly rejoicing over it."

"She's not. I know her, and I know she hates violence."

"If she's so opposed to violence, why doesn't she do something?"

I tried putting myself in Suad's shoes. A woman without much money or education, with five young children, part of a tiny West Bank village.

What was she supposed to do with her limited resources? What risks was she supposed to take after a tragedy she had no part in?

When a Jewish woman steps forward to say (or write) something that may not be popular with fellow Jews, she may receive criticism, unfriendly telephone calls, heated arguments across the Shabbat table.

If she says something unpopular sufficiently loudly, she may find herself held in administrative detention, or charged with sedition.

But the worst a Jew can face at the hands of her fellow Jews is far better than what an Arab may face at the hands of her fellow Arabs.

A prominent editor was summarily arrested, held, and interrogated, and released only after international pressure was brought to bear. What might be the fate of someone like Suad, who has no friends in high places?

If I were in Suad's position, would I step out to protest loudly against Arab terrorism? Or would I try to do my bit quietly, offering my friendship to Jews, raising my children to do and think the same?

Suad, I ask your understanding - and your forgiveness. Your silence is not tacit approval of the act; it may be silent condemnation, or the quiet sympathy that is part of your nature.

You gave me your friendship freely, and I accepted it. We've worked hard to nurture and strengthen our friendship.

But the challenges of our cultural, religious, and political differences are not of the same magnitude as the challenge of those terrorists' bombs.

Keeping a friendship alive during spring walks and casual visits is easy. Now we face a greater challenge.

The writer is a teacher who lives in Efrat.

Bringing

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRUE LIES

Sir, I can only admire the honesty of Walid M. Awad's article, "Floys to make life difficult" (February 16), in which he poignantly delineates minimum Palestinian expectations as the establishment of an independent Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital. Unfortunately, his honesty quickly degenerates as he is disingenuous in his subsequent remarks.

Mr. Awad asserts that Palestinians "are working relentlessly to build bridges between his people and Israel." However, given the opportunity to see the news coverage of the funeral of assassinated terrorist Ayyash, I doubt that it is bridges the Palestinians are building. Consequently, Mr. Awad will have to forgive me for not sharing his sense of outrage that the IDF closed a few Palestinian cities so that Israeli citizens could safely board buses without fear of being blown up by one of Mr. Awad's bridge-building brethren.

I hope many Israelis find it informative that despite Israel's relinquishing control of Gaza, Jericho, and scores of other cities and towns, the Palestinians still feel the same sense of frustration as they did in 1987. If Mr. Awad's contention is accurate, then it is most ironic since Mr. Awad himself claims that a Palestinian state with East Jerusalem as its capital is an "inevitable" fact. If the prospect of statehood cannot resolve Palestinian frustrations, may I suggest that they address their grievances to their recently elected officials.

Mr. Awad also distorts history when he claims that UN resolutions "explicitly and implicitly call for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from all occupied Arab land." I am surprised that Mr. Awad does not recall that there was contentious debate, among the framers of UN resolution 242, over whether or not to include the article "the" when referring to the territories Israel captured in the 1967 war. The fact that the word was omitted in the resolution makes it implicit that the Security Council expected there would be territorial adjustments in the final settlements.

I have to wonder about Mr. Awad's rationale for writing his arti-

THE ISRAELI PRESS

Sir, Your commentator Moshe Kohn recently joined editor David Bar-Ilan in keeping an eye on the media. However, in his article of February 16, "When the news media act as partners in the debate," he genuinely surprised me by calling the dailies *Ha'aretz*, *Yedioth Aharonot* and *Ma'ariv* "professionally independent but left-leaning."

Ha'aretz is "left-leaning"? That would be quite a shock to economics editor Nehemiah Stroessler, a staunch advocate of privatization and a market economy. *Ha'aretz* was actually banned from the kibbutzim for many years because of its kibbutz-movement and Histadrut bashing. And it is well known that Leah Rabin canceled her subscription to *Ha'aretz* because of some critical articles about her late husband.

The Moses family that owns *Yedioth*, a good Revisionist family, is "left-leaning"? Judy Nir-Moshonim-Shalom is even married to MK Silvan Shalom, an up-and-coming Likud MK.

As for the Nimrod's who own *Ma'ariv* (another paper with a Revisionist tradition), they made their fortune based on arms sales and other shady business, not exactly typical left-leaning pursuits.

Yes, all three dailies publish many articles, and even editorials, that support the current peace process. But that shouldn't be surprising. After all, peace is good for business, particularly big business, and most of Israel's leading industrialists and CEOs, including the owners of *Ha'aretz*, *Yedioth Aharonot* and *Ma'ariv*, support the idea of peace and prosperity.

HILLEL SCHENKER
Tel Aviv.

JEWISH HERITAGE TV CHANNEL

Sir, - What a boon to Israeli society and the good name of Israel as a whole if the balanced and practical proposal of Gabriel A. Sivan for the establishment of a Jewish heritage TV channel were adopted (February 18). The government has frequently claimed that it wishes to preserve the Jewish character of the state. Here is an effective means of substantiating this objective.

However, realizing that a government-appointed minister of communications and culture would control such a channel, depending greatly on the personal opinions of such a minister, it would be better if a Jewish heritage channel were run by a privately endowed company formed for the specific purpose of disseminating traditional Jewish values.

RABBI ISAAC COHEN
Jerusalem.

I really wanted to believe

We had just heard about the terrorist attack at French Hill in Jerusalem, a day after the bomb blast on the No. 18 bus that killed 25 people. I entered the 9th-grade class in the yeshiva high school where I work, and saw on the blackboard the words "Death to Arabs."

I informed the class that I wasn't prepared to teach in a classroom where this message was written. I was angry. I wanted to know who was responsible for the slogan. Class solidarity prevailed. No one owned up. As I felt I couldn't possibly teach in such an atmosphere, I decided on a class discussion instead.

My pupils are intelligent teenagers, and their comments were very relevant. They protested that the words didn't have to be taken literally, as they had been written in the heat of the moment. No one in the class was really calling for genocide.

I explained that words always have to be chosen carefully. There is a world of difference between writing "Death to Arabs" and "Death to terrorists." I said, if this was what they had meant.

After the lesson, one pupil approached me and said that although he didn't agree with the idea that all Arabs should be killed, he felt the vast majority of Palestinians supported the indiscriminate slaughter of Jews.

I told him that my wife works with many Arabs, decent people who always make a point of conveying their sorrow after any attack.

Last Friday's *Ha'aretz* carried an article by a UN emissary working in the Gaza Strip. He pleaded with us not to give up on the peace process. He said that hundreds of thousands of people who had previously taken up arms against Israel want peace now. We shouldn't ignore the opportunity because of the pain we feel.

On Saturday night we heard that

DAVID GRANIEWITZ

another victim of the bus attack in Jerusalem had died of his injuries. Ironically, it was a Palestinian from East Jerusalem whose car had been next to the bus when the bomb went off.

This could have been the ideal moment for Palestinians to show Israelis how disgusted they were. Instead we were treated on the news to interviews with "mourning"

But now I'm asking: Where are all those peace-loving Palestinians?

at his funeral.

None condemned the attack. On the contrary: They were all happy that the young man, engaged to be married, had died "a martyr's death." In other words, they were allying him with the suicide bomber.

His womenfolk prayed that what had befallen them would never again happen to anybody else. Hopeful words - but hardly enough to erase the impression left by the men.

There have been two more devastating attacks since, and I live in fear of the next news report.

After the bus attacks, I naively thought that perhaps they had taken place so early in the morning because it was before children rode the buses to school. Perhaps I thought, the terrorists still had an atom of humanity. Dizengoff Center taught me otherwise.

I WANTED so much to believe that peace with the Palestinians could be a reality. But now I'm asking: Where are all these peace-loving Palestinians, all the spontaneous mass demonstrations

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Several of the African Bible scholars listen intently to a Hebrew lesson in preparation for their ambitious project.

Bringing the Bible back to Africa

DURING this year's winter break seven French-speaking Africans studying at the Hebrew University have begun a tremendous task. After just one semester of Hebrew study in Israel these Bible scholars have returned to their West African homes to begin translating the Tanach from the original Hebrew into African tribal languages.

The seven, aged between 33 and 40, are Christian pastors and Bible translators from the Ivory Coast, Benin and Guinea, who have just completed a certified pilot program for French-speaking translators through the Rothberg School for Overseas Students at the Hebrew University.

The Bible has been translated into only one-third of the world's 6,400 languages (and the Hebrew Scriptures into only about 350 languages) in Third World countries, a high percentage of Bible translations are simply translations of other translations. The language of the Bible itself is static in that it contains only 10,000 words, 750 of which are used 50 or more times. But to truly understand the images in the Bible you have to also understand the context in which it is set.

"What is unique in our program, is the fact that we are also adding something that has not been added anywhere else - the Land and the culture," said Miriam Ronning, the independent Jerusalem coordinator of the project.

"If somebody comes from a country that is very lush like the Ivory Coast, they don't know what it means when there was no rain in Elijah's time, and people went hungry.

"If they think it's very lush, it's hard to understand the image of a shepherd in the Judean desert with

Seven African students are ready to translate the Bible direct from the original Hebrew into their own languages. Julie Stahl reports

300 sheep behind [him] - the 'Lord is my shepherd' [means] he knows where the oasis is, he knows where the grass is."

The French project was instigated by Julie Bentinck, the African coordinator for the program and herself a Bible translator. She was concerned that translation training here was available for English but not for French speakers.

Bentinck, who has an M.A. in linguistics from the Sorbonne in Paris and another in Hebrew from the Institute of Holyland Studies, has lived in the Ivory Coast for 22 years.

She worked for 16 years first to learn to speak the local language, Nyaboa, then to write it down, develop an alphabet and a literacy program for the Nyaboans and finally to translate the New Testament into this tribal tongue.

But, she says, this was not enough. African Christians want the whole Bible in their native language. If all goes as planned, Bentinck and a team of three will translate the "Old Testament" into Nyaboa during the next 12 years.

Having previously lived in Israel Bentinck was continually asked basic questions by other translators. In particular these concerned the terrain. A language may have specific words to describe different kinds of rivers or mountains depending on their size or makeup.

She points to the new program as a solution for translators' ques-

tions. "I was always being asked has this [mountain] got grass or rocks and now they can answer their own questions."

In 1991, Bentinck met husband-and-wife team Halvor and Miriam Ronning, then professors at the Institute of Holyland Studies, when she arrived here to study Hebrew for translation purposes.

The Ronnings, neither of whom are Jewish but who have lived in Israel for 26 years and have taught extensively on the Jewish roots of Christianity, dreamed of providing a way for Bible translators and scholars (Christian and Jewish alike) to come to Jerusalem to study or research without having to pay high rental costs.

This dream was realized about two years ago when they rented a large house in Mevasseret Zion, and established the Home for Bible Translators and Scholars in Jerusalem, Inc.

Needing academic backing for their current undertaking, Bentinck and the Ronnings turned to the Hebrew University, which, according to Yoel Nesson, director of special academic programs and summer courses at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students, provided them with two things: "an academic home" and "a home that could also represent this course to the government of Israel and to other [governments] as a bona fide venture."

With an educational and residential structure in place Bentinck

began recruiting candidates. The road to the Holy Land was paved with many challenges - financial difficulties, passport problems serious illnesses - and only seven of the original 12 students selected actually arrived in Jerusalem, all having left wives and children at home in Africa.

Arriving here last October, they began to study - not only modern and biblical Hebrew, but geography, history, cultural background, translation and biblical thought. With 22 classroom hours per week plus field trips, papers, translations, and exams, they were absorbed by this "biblical Israel experience."

Text in hand they traversed the country, studying biblical events in their actual settings and making some 20 outings in just 14 weeks.

The impact of their experience was not limited to the Bible. A by-product of having studied here is that they tasted and loved a modern Israel that they never imagined existed.

"My first impression when I arrived was that I had come to the land of the Bible. Before I always thought it was a country of war, because of world news. What I've seen is contrary to what I'd heard before," said Maomou Henoc, a pastor and Bible translator from Guinea.

Bentinck says the program was successful. "They should be able to cope [translate] with a narrative [book]." The university may eventually establish a one-year diploma program in Bible translation. But for now West Africa will have seven new "ambassadors."

What will they tell their people? "I will tell them that I went to the country of the Bible and I saw that the Bible is the truth."

True confessions of a con-artist

FRANK Abagnale says crime doesn't pay. But he does admit that if he hadn't passed millions of dollars in dud checks he wouldn't be where he is today.

Abagnale is America's foremost expert on fraud and document security by virtue of his extraordinary crimes - he was once the world's most wanted confidence trickster.

Between the age of 16 and 21, he defrauded a plethora of banks and companies to the tune of US\$2.5 million, all the while outsmarting the FBI and international police.

He successfully impersonated an international airline pilot, pediatrician, stockbroker, college professor and lawyer.

Ironically, Abagnale's life of fraud later qualified him to help redesign the most powerful currency in the world.

It all began when he ran away from home at 16.

"I was six foot tall and always had a little gray hair, so everyone thought I was in my mid-twenties... that's where I got into impersonations. I didn't think of the consequences, which made me more confident."

When he was 18, Abagnale used a readily available magnetic pen to encode a stack of deposit slips at a Chicago bank with the number of an account he had just opened under a false name.

He replaced the deposit slips at the bank and waited.

The scam was magnificent in its simplicity: anyone making a deposit using one of the slips would unwittingly put their money into his account - the bank's computer read the magnetic number before it read the handwritten one.

Three days later he called the bank for his balance - it was over \$40,000.

But that was just the beginning for a young fraud artist out to deceive the world.

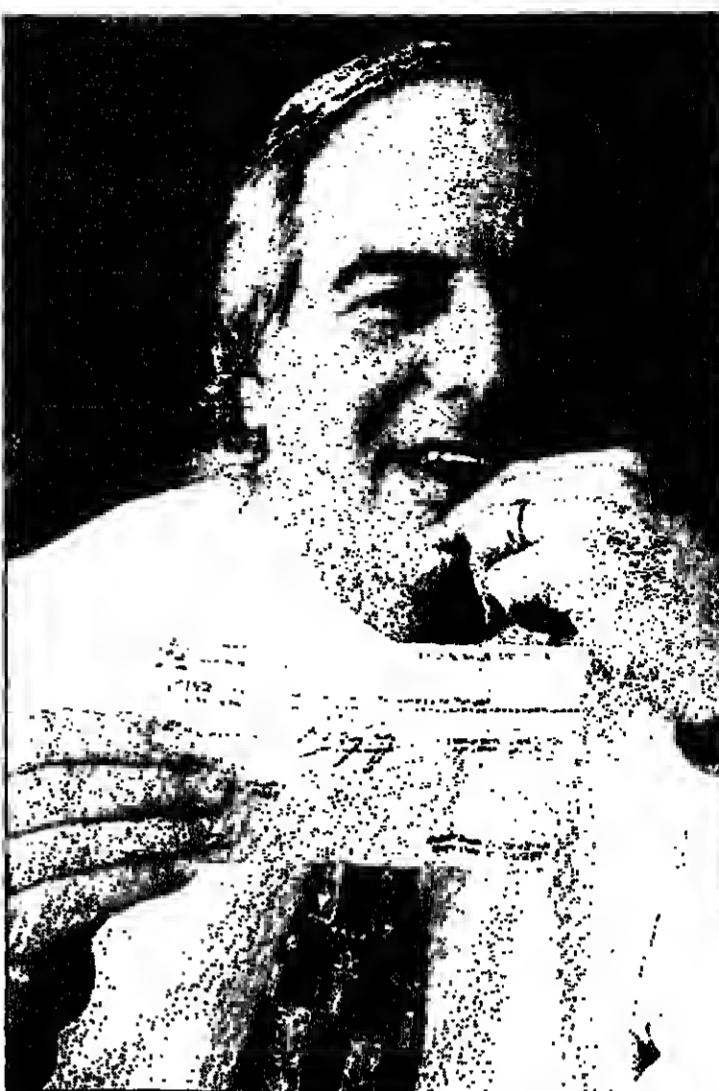
"I had obtained a Pan Am pilot's uniform and made up a Pan Am pilot identification card. I flew literally all over the world for free on other airlines by riding in the cockpit as a jump pilot deadheading from city to city." Of course, looking like a pilot made it easier to pass checks.

Abagnale's brilliant mind? Definitely. A brilliant criminal? Not according to Abagnale. He says he was just an opportunist.

When filling in a tenancy application form before moving into a new apartment block, Abagnale wrote "doctor" in the occupation section, thinking it would not be easily traceable.

"Then I meet this doctor in the apartment block, who introduces me to another doctor. Then I find myself reading medical journals in case these guys ask me questions."

"Next thing you know I'm up at the hospital. I'm meeting all



Frank Abagnale's scams are amusing and fun to read about. But kids, don't try this at home!

the staff... and then they say there's an opening we need to fill, just temporarily for an administrative resident, you don't have to treat anyone. It was a challenge then - but I never really planned these things. I'd fall into them."

Abagnale tried to avoid situations where he lacked the necessary expertise. It wasn't always possible. Once, he recounts, he was hitching a lift on a BOAC flight from New York to London in his guise as a pilot, when all of a sudden, the captain asked him to take the reins while he went on a break.

"So I did, but all the time I was sitting down I said to myself, if this copilot at any time says, 'I've got to use the restroom, I was going to grab his arm and say, 'Look, let me tell you a story about this kid who got hold of a uniform...'"

He was finally caught in a small French town when an airline stewardess on holiday recognized him from the "wanted" posters plastered all over airports around the world.

He served a year in French and Swedish prisons before he was returned to the US, where he was given 12 years. Four years into his

sentence the government presented him with a deal: work for us or rot in prison. It wasn't a hard decision.

That was over 20 years ago. Since then he has worked for the US government and for private institutions developing policies and procedures to deal with sophisticated white-collar crime.

He helped redesign the American Express traveler's check, the new \$100 bill due out in April and scores of other documents to secure them against fraud.

His best-selling autobiography, *Catch Me If You Can*, is being made into a movie.

Abagnale readily acknowledges he would never have become an expert on fraud if he hadn't been a great con man. But would he do it all again?

"Never. I would never want to go through the prison again, to lose my youth from 16 to 26 that I spent behind bars."

But the big paradox, says Abagnale, is that being a confidence trickster showed him he had enough confidence to do anything. "I have enough confidence in myself to know that even if I hadn't gone down that road, I'd have been successful." (Reuter)

How to 'warm up' your child

MY six-year-old is shy and unresponsive with adults. He plays nicely with other kids and has friends, but he won't even say hello to our adult friends and relatives. I don't want to pressure him but I don't want my friends to feel uncomfortable either. What do you suggest?

Alan Flashman, child and adult psychiatrist, says: Parents attribute shyness to either nature or nurture.

Let me take up nature first. I am going to assume that your child has always been on the shy side, and that you do not identify any dramatic shift in her mood. There is ample research evidence to suggest that children are born into the world with a certain set of tendencies.

Nearly all researchers agree that a basic level of activity is inborn. A tendency to withdraw from new or unfamiliar experiences seems to

come prepackaged for some babies. If you add to such a natural tendency to withdraw a relatively slow rate of adaptation, you get a child who is "slow to warm up."

This kind of temperament is a lifelong challenge for the child and her parents. But for each, the challenge is different. For the child, living with a tendency to withdraw involves learning to take in the environment in digestible pieces.

The child requires space to succeed, at her own pace, at becoming comfortable with what is at first overpowering. Later, she needs to become aware of her tendency and accept it as a first-line approach to which many other approaches can be added. These make the tendency to withdraw less automatic and less decisive.

None of these additions, however, will remove the basic trend. With temperament, you can add all the alternative files you want, but

there is no "delete" button.

For the parent, the challenge is double. First, of course, there is the challenge of helping the child to gradually succeed in adding new ways of coping. In addition, parents are very hard-put to refrain from attributing extra meanings to the child's behavior.

The extra meanings usually involve some combination of three parts: "We have failed," "Our child is blighted," and "The future is bleak." All three meanings are as natural as they are counterproductive.

BUT THE plain truth is that in our society, parents usually feel something between embarrassment to outright shame when a child is not sunnily outgoing. Unfortunately, professionals sometimes make

manners worse by being concerned before they are informed. The fact is that shyness is not an illness; it is a tendency that parents can help a child to live with very well.

Parents should help each other to weather society's unrealistic expectations from a slow-to-warm-up child. You would do well then to discuss openly your child's tendency with the important adults with whom she comes in contact.

You could point out that any opportunity to warm up at her own pace is welcome, and that

inner arrangement of meanings that is troubling them.

In this circumstance, a professional consultation would be a good idea as treatment which, if necessary, may well be much more brief if entered early. Nurture can also become the dominant factor in what starts out as nature. Once too many meanings have been piled up on top of a natural tendency, professional help may be necessary to get back to the starting point of becoming comfortable with nature.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

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Pessah tourism hit by terrorism

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

THOUSANDS of tourist have canceled their Pessah trips here following the recent spate of suicide bombings, the Tourism Ministry said yesterday.

While exact numbers could not be given, spokeswoman Orly Doron said most of the people who canceled were American Jews.

Most tourists who are currently in the country, however, have not left.

"I've heard of several business-people who shortened their stay, but there has been no mass escape," Doron said.

Hotels and airlines also said tourists have not been fleeing, but added it is too early to tell what the long-term effects will be.

"I still believe it's premature to say what will happen. Hilton International in Israel spokesman Moti Verses said, "It takes at least a week after the events" to see if the bombings will hurt tourism. Some hotels reported that recent

events are affecting their businesses, as well as the quality of their guests' visits.

At the King Solomon Hotel in Jerusalem, a group of 20 tourists yesterday canceled a reservation that was scheduled for one week beginning today.

Henry Bawab, who works at the hotel's reception desk, said current guests are asking many questions regarding safety issues, going out for short walks around the city and spending most of the remaining time in the hotel lobby.

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram will hold an emergency meeting tomorrow with industry officials to determine how to quell prospective tourists' fears and to maintain the level of tourism to Israel.

A tourism conference that was supposed to take place on Sunday entitled "Jerusalem in the era of peace" was canceled due to a bus bombing earlier that morning.

Israel Discount Bank share offer still on

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL Discount Bank's share offering on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange tomorrow will take place as planned, despite underwriters' fears that terrorist attacks are hindering the business community's ability to function and the public's interest in the sale, MI Holdings CEO Meir Yacobson said yesterday.

According to Yacobson, mutual funds and provident funds, which are expected to play a dominant role in the success of the offering, made their decision to invest in the bank a long time ago.

"Investors will take part in the offering, because Bank Discount is a serious bank which is being offered at a good price, Yacobson said. "The terrorist attacks may have reduced the general public's interest in the offering but considering the atmosphere prevailing on the capital market the public was not expected to have a dominant role in the success of the offering."

"Investors have been waiting a long time for the offering," one broker said. "I will be very surprised if the offering fails because of the terrorist attacks." Foreign investors have so far made no changes in their strategic decisions to invest in the region, but execution of their plans

depends on the government's ability to go ahead with the peace process, sources from across the business community said yesterday.

Businessmen emphasized that the majority of foreign investors with whom they have been in contact during the last few days have telephoned to check that everything is okay on a personal basis.

Overall, they said investors are looking at Israel on a long-term basis, and the recent rise in terrorist attacks has not changed their basic perception of the country as a growing economy.

One banker said the recent suicide attacks have created no lasting effect and stressed that a majority of foreign investors have already taken events of this kind into account before deciding to invest here.

"If they [foreign investors] are going to change their minds because of a bomb in Dizengoff, it shows that they were not serious," the banker said. "Serious investors must have consulted with specialists in the past that told them that terrorist incidents take place here."

Shalom Zinger, a partner in the Zinger Barnea investment firm, said potential investors' confidence in the economy will be tested over time, emphasizing it is too close to the event to determine a change in foreign investors regional plans.

"You don't have to be very clever to realize that events of this kind do not support investments," Zinger said. "But, the big test is how we will deal with the situation and whether the peace process will be hindered or not. At least some of them [potential investors], especially those investing for the first time here, will have hesitations concerning the new Middle East, Israel and everything which is expected to be achieved as a result of the peace process."

Ran Gotler, the Bankers Trust representative in Israel, said the bank plans to enhance its activities here, despite the security situation. According to Gotler, foreign investors are likely to change their strategic regional plans only if the wave of terrorist attacks continues for months.

"We plan to bring more of Bankers Trust facilities to the Israeli market, primarily risk management which is our expertise," said Gotler.

WORLD BRIEFS

Bremer-Vulkan to get DM 100m. to stay afloat: Creditor banks of Bremer Vulkan Verbund have agreed to pay out DM 100 million in new funds to keep the cash-strapped German shipbuilder afloat, the group administrator said yesterday. *Reuter*

Strong US sales get Mercedes off to good '96: Strong sales in the US this year are helping set the stage for higher 1996 earnings, at Mercedes-Benz AG, chairman Helmut Werner said yesterday. In an interview at the Geneva Car Show, Werner repeated his expectation that the luxury car maker would earn higher profits this year than it did in 1995 when the company made more than DM 2 billion.

"From today's view, I am sure that 1996 will overtake the year before," Werner said. Mercedes had a profit of DM 1.85b. in 1994. Strong sales for Mercedes cars in the US, especially for the E-Class car, have given added weight to Werner's prediction. He said US sales soared 33 percent in February after climbing 20% in January. *Reuter*

Earnings up 11% at De Beers: Diamond giant De Beers Consolidated Mines yesterday announced an 11 percent jump in 1995 earnings and painted a bullish picture for the gemstone market in 1996. Net attributable earnings in the year to December 31 rose to \$624 million from \$560m. in 1994, excluding the retained earnings of associates, or 144 US cents per De Beers/Centenary linked unit versus 147 cents.

Including associates, income was \$986m. against \$833m., or 259 cents per unit versus 219 cents. Total combined dividends for the year were increased by 10% to 92.9 cents. *Reuter*

Euro currency to cost German insurers DM 1b.: The launch of the single European currency will cost the German insurance industry around DM 1 billion, German insurers said yesterday. Frank Thomas, board member at Gerling Konzern Versicherungs-Beteiligungs AG, told an insurance conference that Gerling estimated changeover costs at 0.3 to 0.5 percent of annual premium income - or DM 45m.

Members of the GDV German insurance association said in a podium discussion at the conference that that ratio would result in costs of around DM 1b. for the industry. *Reuter*

TA bombing causes around NIS 8m. in damages

JENNIFER FRIEDLIN

PRELIMINARY reports estimated that more than NIS 8 million in property damage was caused by Monday's suicide bombing at Dizengoff Center. The Treasury said yesterday.

Following the bombing, appraisers from the Treasury's property and income tax division combed the streets around Dizengoff Center.

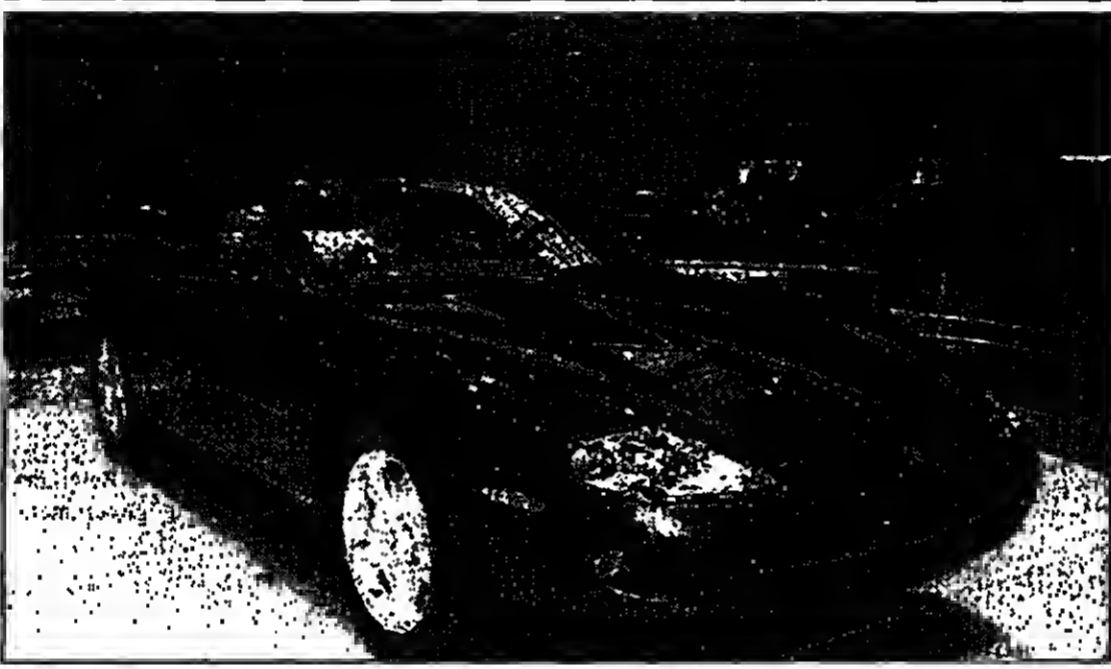
By the end of the night they had assessed damages to some 40 stores, three banks and about 150 private apartments.

Glaziers spent the night repairing windows and closing stores, as special security guards patrolled the area watching over damaged and unprotected businesses and buildings.

About 150 claims had been filed by yesterday afternoon.

The property tax division has set up a special office to offer specific information about any property damage and the glaziers who may have made any necessary repairs.

To contact the office, call (03) 525-6730, 6731, 6732.



The new Jaguar XK8, which will succeed the XJS, was presented to the media at the Geneva Car Show yesterday. *(Reuter)*

Elscint profits up 42%

RACHEL NEIMAN

ELSCINT, the medical imaging specialist, yesterday announced that its annual net profits rose 42.1 percent last year to \$14.5 million from \$10.2m. in 1994.

Consolidated revenues went up to \$281.9m. from \$234.9m., while earnings per share rose to \$0.18 per share from \$0.13.

Fourth quarter net profits increased to \$3.7m. from \$1.2m. Revenues rose to \$81.1m. from \$67m., while earnings per share increased to \$0.05 from \$0.01.

Gross margins declined to 37.35% in 1995 from 38.33%. The company said this was due to continuous pressure on selling prices.

Last year was "a year of growth in sales and earnings in Elscint," CEO and president Jonathan Adereth said. "The significant improvement in our results in encouraging, particularly in light of stagnant market conditions."

Revenues on sales of imaging systems were up 23% from 1994 and were mainly attributed to the increase in sales of the CT Twin

family of scanners. The company also noted increased activity in emerging markets, primarily the Asian Pacific and South American markets - which together represented 22% of 1995 revenues, or 31% more than in the previous year.

Revenues on customer support and service operations grew 11% from 1994 and represented 29% of total revenues.

Adereth also noted the expansion of Elscint's MRI business. "Added products, together with our in-house newly developed MRI systems, has created a full, competitive MRI line of products."

He added that, due to its importance of reducing healthcare costs, "we consolidated our activity in these areas [connectivity and picture archiving and communications systems (PACS)] and established a new Connectivity Department."

Elscint has signed an agreement in principle to market Agfa Gavet group PACS products.

Sapiens signs deal with Egyptian firm

RACHEL NEIMAN

SAPIENS International has signed a distribution agreement with the Egyptian firm Marhat.

Heliopolis-based Marhat is one of Egypt's leading systems solutions and support providers, and specializes in large organizations. Its major clients include financial institutions, industrial companies, oil and construction firms. Marhat will also distribute Sapiens products in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the Emirates.

"We believe the agreement with Marhat opens a high potential market before us," said Yaakov Asondi, sales manager.

The Rehovot-based Sapiens is traded on NASDAQ. The company provides rapid application development solutions for enterprise-wide mainframe, workstation and desktop environments.

The company's products are used by corporations such as IBM, Bendix, Binney and Smith, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, AT&T, Panasonic UK, Rank Xerox and others.

Generale Bank profits up despite Eurotunnel loss

BRUSSELS (Reuter) - Generale Bank, Belgium's biggest, saw 1995 group net profit rise 8.1 percent to FR 13.67 billion, despite having to book large provisions on loans to channel tunnel operator Eurotunnel.

The bank's chief executive officer Ferdinand Chaffart told a news conference yesterday he was optimistic about full-year profits. "The first months have been good. We are optimistic."

The bank's profit was at the low end of analysts' forecasts, which had ranged from FR 13.65b. to FR 14.50b., up 8.5% to 12%.

Earnings could have been better, had it not been for a 27.4% rise in provisions, write-downs and depreciations, which jumped to FR 20.2b. from FR 15.8b. in 1994.

Asked whether the sharp jump in provisions was due to Eurotunnel, Chaffart said: "Your guess is not a bad one."

Other bank officials confirmed the bank had booked a major provision on Eurotunnel, but declined to say how much.

Unemployment high in Europe, low in Asia

GENEVA (Reuter) - The International Labor Organization (ILO), in a gloomy global survey, said yesterday that unemployment was stabilizing, but at high rates in Europe and was on the rise in the United States and Latin America.

However, the ILO noted that Israel and some Asian countries - notably Philippines, South Korea and Malaysia - were resisting the worldwide trend with a decline in joblessness, while others like Singapore and Hong Kong were holding it at low levels.

"In most Western European countries, general rates of joblessness remained steady or came down slightly between 1994-1995, but double-digit unemployment continues to prevail across most of the continent," the United Nations body said.

Figures compiled by the ILO showed that core European Union states working to fulfill conditions for monetary union (EMU) by 1999 - France, Germany and Belgium - as well as Spain were running some of the highest unemployment rates in the EU.

By the end of January this year, the report showed, the German joblessness rate had risen to 12 percent of the work force against 11.1% 12 months earlier and had climbed to 9% in Austria from 8.5% a year earlier.

Countries less committed to meeting the EMU by next year had shown some improvement in registered unemployment - from 8.7% in November 1994 in Britain to 7.8% last November and a drop from 10.8

to 8.9% in Denmark.

Iceland, Norway and Switzerland - linked in the European Free Trade Association but outside the EU - had also all shown slight improvements over the past year from already relatively low levels of joblessness.

The ILO said Japan continued to show the lowest unemployment levels among larger industrialized economies but the rate was edging up, climbing from 2.7% in December 1994 to 3.2% a year later.

In the United States, there was a rise from 5.1% in December 1994 to 5.3% in December last year, followed by a further upward surge in January to 5.8%.

But Canada, which had experienced double-digit jobless figures in early 1994 saw a drop to 9.4% by the end of last year.

However, the ILO warned that training and retraining programs for the unemployed in industrialized countries often masked the true extent of joblessness.

In former communist transition economies and in developing countries, the UN body said, real figures often failed to take account of labor hoarding - or retaining workers with no job to do - and hidden forms of unemployment or under-employment.

In Hong Kong, it said, the rate remained low but crept up during 1994-95 from 1.6% to 2.9%. In Singapore, the jobless total increased slightly from very low levels, while in South Korea it dropped from 2.1% to 1.8%.

IDB Development buys 2.5% of Clal Israel capital

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

IDB DEVELOPMENT Corp. has purchased 2.5 percent of Clal Israel share capital from Bank Hapoalim for NIS 62.2 million in an off-floor transaction.

The company purchased a total of 770,000 shares in two transactions conducted through IBI Brokerage firm earlier this week. The share price was set at 8.106

points, similar to the price of Clal Israel's shares at the end of trading Sunday.

As a result of the purchase, IDB - in partnership with Discount Investments, which is controlled by the IDB Group - owns 40.7% of Clal's shares, while Hapoalim's share has decreased to 31% from 42% last year.

The IDB purchase of Clal's shares is in line with management's strategic decision to invest in the company.

By the end of the year, Hapoalim is expected to sell another 6% of the company's shares in line with reforms in the banking sector which calls on the banks to reduce non-financial assets to a maximum of 25% by the end of 1996.

According to new proposed measures resulting from the Brodet committee proposals, Hapoalim will have to sell its entire holdings in either Clal or Koor and reduce its holdings in the other company to below 20% by the end of 1999.

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ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS				
Patah (foreign currency deposit rates) (4.3.96)				
Currency (deposit for)	3 MONTHS	6 MONTHS	12 MONTHS	
U.S. dollar (\$250,000)	4.375	4.375	4.520	
Pound sterling (£100,000)	4.250	4.250	4.375	
German mark (DM 200,000)	1.875	1.875	2.125	
Swiss franc (SF 200,000)	0.250	0.250	0.625	
Yen (10 million)				

(Rates vary higher or lower than indicated according to deposit)

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates* (4.3.96)					
CURRENCY BASKET	CHECKS AND TRANSFERS		BANKNOTES		Rep. Rates**
	Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell	
U.S. dollar	3.6722	3.1223	3.02	3.17	3.0711
German mark	2.0654	2.1201	2.06	2.16	2.1081
Pound sterling	4.7015	4.7772	4.82	4.85	4.7415
French franc	0.6082	0.6181	0.60	0.63	0.6157
Japanese yen (100)	2.8204	2.9678	2.87	3.01	2.9498
Dutch guilder	1.8648	1.8947	1.83	1.93	1.8808
Swedish krona	2.3928	2.6340	2.51	2.85	2.5896
Swiss franc	0.4582	0.4828	0.44	0.47	0.4574
Norwegian krona	0.4782	0.4870	0.47	0.50	0.4835
Denmark krone	0.5408	0.5481	0.53	0.56	0.5461
Finnish mark	0.6758	0.6884	0.66	0.70	0.6809
Canadian dollar	2.2407	2.2769	2.20	2.31	2.2917
Australian dollar	2.3357	2.3794	2.29	2.41	2.3537
S. African rand	0.2679	0.3037	0.27	0.31	0.2917
Belgian franc (10)	1.0182	1.0316	0.99	1.08	1.0241
Austrian schilling (10)	2.9880	3.0159	2.91	3.06	2.9947
Italian lira (1000)	1.9730	2.0049	1.93	2.04	1.9920
Jordanian dinar			0.57	0.51	0.5353
Egyptian pound			0.87	0.95	0.8925
EU	3.8911	3.9254			3.8925
Irish punt	4.8403	4.8184	4.75	4.89	4.8617
Spanish peseta (100)	2.4814	2.5012	2.41	2.54	2.4825

* These rates vary according to bank. ** Bank of Israel.
SOURCE: BANK LEUMI

STATE OF ISRAEL
Ministry of the Interior

Knesset Elections Law (Consolidated Version) 1969
Elections Law, 14th Knesset and Prime Minister
(Ad Hoc) 1996

Preparation of 5756 Voters Rolls
Applications for Transfer to a
Disabled Persons' Voting Station

Any person who, because of physical disability, is unable to vote at the voting station to which he is allocated may apply to the Minister of the Interior, requesting that his name be transferred to another voting list, for a voting station where arrangements are available for disabled voters.

An application form will be posted to you, if you request this by phoning 09-7677249. The completed and signed application form should be sent to the address given in the form.

Applications must arrive before March 12, 1996. Anyone who has submitted such an application in the past need not submit one again.

מכאן האוכל

Taiwan economy seen hit by Chinese missile tests

TAIPEI (Reuters) - China's planned missile tests in the sea near Taiwan could slash this island's trade, prompt Taiwan dollar selling and drive share prices into a further slump, economists said yesterday.

China announced missile tests in the sea around Taiwan from March 8 to 15, apparently as part of military exercises intended to intimidate the island before presidential elections on March 23.

Economists said the tests would bring down a partial blockade on the island's two main ports, Keelung in the north and Kaohsiung in the south, through which Taiwan handled 69.9 percent of its trade in 1995.

"Although importers and exporters can change their shipping routes, or advance or postpone their schedules, the impact is still there, and their moves will raise costs for them, causing inflation several weeks later," Wu said.

Wu added that although trading companies may try to switch their operations to ports such as Taichung on the west coast and Hualien on the east, he doubted whether such ports had the capacity to handle an immediate flood of new traffic.

One of the sea zones in which China will conduct the tests is 30-50 nautical miles west of the island's southeastern coast, near Kaohsiung. The other is between 20 and 40 nautical miles off north-east Taiwan, near Keelung.

Thomas Chien, managing director of Wardley James Capel in Taipei, saw China's move as a serious threat. "Of course it would affect Taiwan's economy.

It's a serious provocation," Chien said.

Chien estimated the missile tests will cause Taiwan's imports and exports in March to drop by some 20%.

Overseas buyers of Taiwanese goods may postpone purchases, worried that the missile tests will cause disruptions in delivery, analysts said.

Other economists saw a short-term impact. "It will not be a full blockade, otherwise it would be declaring war. So it should be a short-term strike," said Daniel Chen, chief economist at Chinatrust Commercial Bank.

"The biggest impact will be on the stock market and foreign exchange market, but since investors and the government has prepared well for this, the actual impact may be limited," he said.

The government has promoted a TS200 billion (US\$7.3 billion) fund to help stabilize a stock mar-

ket badly hit by tensions with China, Taiwan's second largest export market. Since February 23 to March 2, the fund had bought shares totaling US\$12.2b. (US\$445 million), officials said.

Taiwan's central bank will not give up defending the Taiwan dollar at TS27.50 against the US dollar, the Economic Daily News quoted central bank governor Shu Yuan-dong as saying.

The paper quoted Shu as saying that Taiwan's foreign exchange reserves would be sufficient even if they were to fall to between US\$45-50b. from a level of US\$89.6b. at end-January.

Before tensions with China started escalating in June 1995, the reserves were at a record-high of US\$100.412b., but have fallen as the central bank intervened to support the local currency.

Chien said that China's threats may cause foreign investors in Taiwan to reconsider long-term investments on the island.

Europe's IT/telecoms market expected to grow 8.5%

BRUSSELS (Reuters) - Europe's information and communications technology market is expected to grow 8.5 percent in 1996 and 9% in 1997, faster rates than in the US or Japan, according to a study published yesterday.

"1995 has shown a very positive recovery of the European markets from the recessionary phase of 1991-93," the European Information Technology Observatory (EITO) said in its study.

It said the market grew 8.1% in 1995, to a value of 304 billion European currency units (\$382 billion), the highest level since 1990.

Europe's information technology market, representing 47% of the sector, grew 7.5% in 1995 and is expected to expand 7.1% in 1996 and 6.5% in 1997, reaching a value of 162 billion Ecu, EITO said in a statement.

The IT hardware market is expected to grow by an average of 7% in 1996/97, and the software market more than 9%.

The telecommunications sector, which grew 8.7% in 1995, is expected to expand 10% in 1996 and 11% in 1997 to a value of 198 billion Ecu.

Telecoms services are expected

to grow 11.6% in 1996 and 13% in 1997. "At the top of a booming market are mobile telecom services," the statement said.

Communications technology hardware, however, is expected to grow by only two to three percent, it said.

EITO said the US information and communications technology (ICT) market was expected to grow an average of 6.5% in 1995-97, the Japanese market by an average of 6% and the world market by an average 8%.

"The number of ICT users, both in the business area and at individual home level, will increase dramatically in Europe and open extraordinary new opportunities for multimedia applications," EITO chairman Bruno Lamborghini said.

Competitive pressures are continuing to bring information technology prices down, further reducing margins, EITO said.

"The liberalization process under way in Europe for telecommunications will have a relevant effect in terms of price reduction/price competition, while creating a very competitive market environment for oem services and new applications," it said.

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The administration is also mounting a campaign to rally countries supporting the peace process to actively help Israel and the Palestinian Authority combat terrorism.

On Capitol Hill yesterday, House International Relations Committee Chairman Benjamin Gilman held up \$10 million that the administration had already asked to be transferred to the Palestinians as part of a \$50 million project to pay salaries of social welfare workers.

Gilman was also set to introduce a resolution that called on Arafat to "crack down decisively" against terrorism, and for a review of American aid to the Palestinians.

From a campaign stop in Buffalo, New York, Senate Republican leader Robert Dole said Congress "should take a hard look at assistance to the PA after these terrorist incidents."

"Unless and until serious anti-terrorist actions are implemented by [Arafat], it is difficult to justify continued US assistance to the PA."

POLICE

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Shimon Peres's Ramat Aviv home on Monday night turned violent, with several arrests, around 200 supporters rallied in the street last night, this time to show solidarity with Peres.

"Peres - you are not alone," "Yes to peace - no to violence," banners read.

Meanwhile, 34 Atrabs from the territories who were illegally in Israel turned themselves in to police soon after the Dizengoff bombing, fearing for their lives and of reprisal attacks.

In Netanyahu, the 56-year-old father of the terrorist who bombed the No. 18 bus in Jerusalem last Sunday was arrested at a bakery in the city. He was illegally employed there, and police handed him over to the GSS. The bakery owner, 27-year-old Shah Natan, was also arrested, and in an expedited trial was indicted and sentenced to three months imprisonment and three months community service.

Some 70 Arabs in Israel illegally were rounded up yesterday by Coastal Plain District police. Some 21 employers were also questioned and will be indicted today.

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"If elections were not in the offing, this government would have faced no-confidence motions. Nothing should be done now to allow it to do damage to this grieving nation for any longer."

Uzi Landau also thinks that "Peres must step down now. His policy has come crashing down upon us as miserably as [former British prime minister Neville] Chamberlain's did on the eve of World War II. Just as he admitted his errors, so should Peres, and, like Chamberlain, he should vacate his post to those who can repair some of the damage he wrought."

"The question now is not only fighting terrorism but halting the Oslo process, which fanned the terrorist flames as never before in this state's history."

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan took the issue of Peres's resignation yesterday. Though Weizman said he will not initiate any political moves, Eitan argued that "this government must make way after its entire house of cards has come down."

"The IDF says it has an an-

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swer. The new headquarters created to combat terrorism is a cruel hoax. It must be the stupidest and most meaningless whitewash yet. It's an empty framework. What does Peres intend, that the GSS would issue directives to the IDF?" Eitan said.

"Those who are bound to Oslo 1 and Oslo 2 cannot solve the problems they created, after they deliberately lied to the people and willfully misled them for three years."

Ariel Sharon and David Levy both called for a national unity cabinet in which opposition security experts would take an active part in the battle against terrorism, even if that means putting off elections.

But Labor Secretary-General Nissim Zivli said his party is "willing to consider some national unity framework under certain conditions. We might be willing to allow Netanyahu, Sharon, Eitan and (the NRP's Zevulun) Hammer into the government without portfolios on condition that the elections are delayed."

Tourism Minister Uzi Baram said that "Labor cannot owe defer elections after bringing them forward. It will make us look afraid of the voters."

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table of international stock prices with columns for country, company name, price, and change.

Russia starts restructuring investment funds

MOSCOW (Reuters) - Russia's Federal Securities Commission has granted temporary permission to one of hundreds of unlicensed investment companies to transform itself into a mutual fund, managing director Dmitry Vasilyev said yesterday.

Russky Dom Selenga (RDS), based in the city of Volgograd,

has been permitted to work on setting up two funds, Vasilyev told a news conference.

In line with a presidential decree, the commission in August 1995 ordered the companies, into which millions of Russians sank their savings in search of high dividends, to close down or be transformed into mutual funds.

FTSE closes just short of record

LONDON (Reuters) - Leading share prices closed on a firm note yesterday, with the FTSE 100 ending 8.5 points up at 3,777.1, just short of its record closing best of 3,781.3.

FRANKFURT - The German DAX Index of 30 blue-chip German companies closed firm trade yesterday, well off the day's record session highs as the market lost confidence over the day.

The index earlier advanced to a record 2,502.40 points but closed trade down 8.96 points at 2,479.03. In post-hour trade, the index fell 14.31 points to 2,475.52.

PARIS - French shares ended lower after profit-taking reversed a morning rally inspired by rate cut hopes, but managed to keep on to the psychologically important 2,000 level, which was regained at the start of the month.

The CAC-40 Index closed down 13.37 at 2,001.94. ZURICH - Swiss shares fell back from a firm opening on a lack of follow-through buying. Dealers said volume was low and profit-taking added to the weak sentiment.

The broad SPI closed down 8.49 to 2,191.53. TOKYO - The Nikkei average closed firmer yesterday on arbitrage-linked buylog, spurred by higher futures contracts. But late selling eroded heavy gains earlier.

Trading was lackluster, without any major issues attracting investors. The Nikkei averaged up 119.99 points at 20,183.87.

HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks closed with hefty gains on an apparent index futures short squeeze, players said.

The blue-chip Hang Seng Index surged 200.03 points to close at 11,454.08. SYDNEY - The Australian share market ended weaker, led lower by major banks and golds with the post-election euphoria rapidly dissipating.

The All Ordinaries Index closed 15.4 points lower at 2,308.0.

JOHANNESBURG - South African shares slumped back into the depressed mood in which they have traded for several weeks, dashing hopes earlier that industrials could resume the strength with which they had begun the year.

The all-share index lost 67 points to 6,651.6, the industrial index fell 32.2 points to 8,333.3 and the gold index dropped 94.9 points to 1,668.6.

High-tech shares lift Dow to new high

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Blue-chip stocks surged yesterday, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average into record territory with the help of strong gains in high-technology shares.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow index ended up

42.27 points at 5,642.42, surpassing its record closing high of 5,630.49 set on February 23. In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by a small margin on active volume of 437 million shares on the New York Stock Exchange.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

Table of currency cross-rates with columns for mark, sterling, yen, SFR, and FF.

WHAT'S ON

CRITIC'S CHOICE

PURIM HELEN KAYE

THE Cameri Theater happening has been canceled except for performances of plays. Today it's The Miser at 4:30 and 8:30 p.m. in Hebrew.

CLASSICAL MUSIC MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

IT'S back to musical Saturday nights (8:30) as the Jerusalem Theater celebrates its 25th anniversary with a special Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra concert.

DANCE MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

DIAS de Flamenco is a three-day fiesta at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv featuring the second annual Israeli flamenco competition.

TELEVISION RUTH KERN

THE folks at Rough Guide are oohing if not ambitious. The next stop on their global journey - part anthropology with attitude, part holiday-making - is the Americas.



Sharon Sagy is among the performers at the flamenco festival in Tel Aviv.

BBC World tonight at 10:05 or tomorrow at 5:05 p.m.

FILM ADINA HOFFMAN

HEAT - Al Pacino and Robert De Niro. The Zeus and Poseidon of contemporary American film realism, share just two scenes in Michael Mann's film.

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CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers and some filled-in letters.

ACROSS 1 Peevish complaint (5)

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